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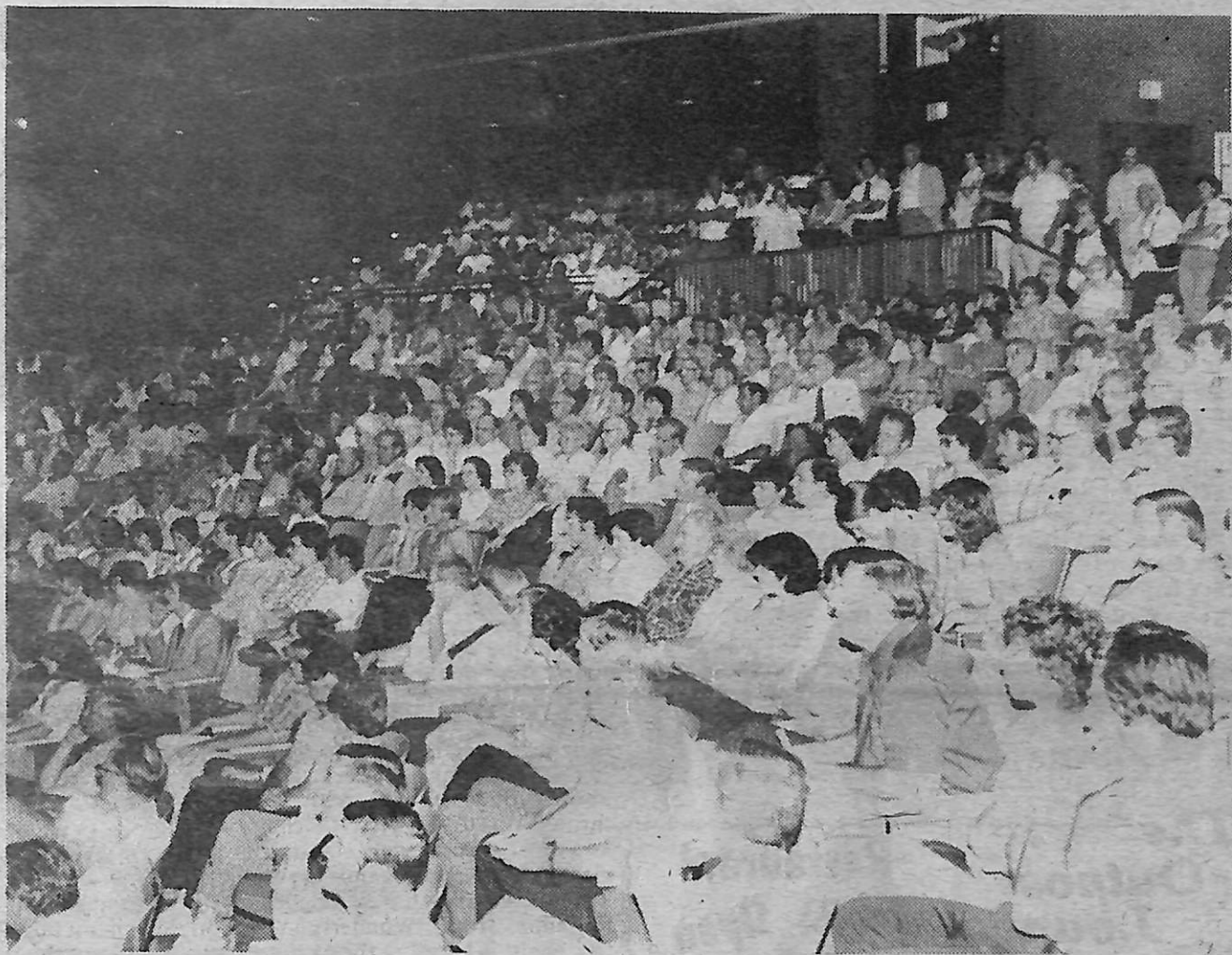
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Town Overwhelmingly Opposed to Track



Racing Commission Holds Hearing

Before Packed House

Before a jammed hall overflowing with howling, jeering and hostile residents, the State Racing Commission listened to arguments presented by Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. President, John O'Neill, and a long and often emotional list of local residents who are emphatically opposed to O'Neill's proposal to renovate the Bowles Airport site for fall and winter harness racing.

Court Action May Follow

The four-hour session at the Junior High School auditorium was chaired by Dr. Paul Walsh, a New Bedford, Mass. resident. According to Walsh, the hearing is "just one of the legal aspects that the commission would weigh when making a final decision." That decision, which will be made in about three weeks, will be challenged by court action if the Commission decides in favor of Pioneer Valley Raceway's proposal according to Agawam State Representative Edward Connelly, and Town Manager Peter Caputo.

Connelly and Caputo were just the first links in a long line of local opposition to the track, that according to promoters, would be an investment of some \$3.5 million over the next few years.

Because of a Legislative act, approved June 27 of this year, the Racing Commission can approve racing dates in communities that have previously approved harness racing. Pioneer Valley Raceway, using "precedent and

inference" in claiming that the town fathers approved racing in the 1930's, could not exhibit any documented evidence that racing was legally authorized some 45 years ago.

"We have not seen any evidence of local site approval and during our deliberations on the matter, the Attorney General must decide if the legal requirements have been met, and this is one of them," Walsh told Martin Cosgrove, the firm's attorney from Quincy.

Requires Local Consent

Remarked State Senator Alan Sisitsky, "I was present when that vote was taken (referring to the June 27th legislation). We passed it with the acknowledgement that any granting of racing dates requires local consent. That was the intent of the legislation and if its violated, then legislative action will be taken."

Added Connelly to the applause of some 900 residents, "The Town Council has the power to decide on this thing as stated in the Massachusetts General Laws."

The legislative act in question, which extended racing applications in Hampden County, was termed as "coming in the back door" by Town Councilors because it seemingly circumvents local home rule, although the Massachusetts General Laws state otherwise.

Natural Location

Cosgrove told the commission and the gallery that the 287 acre site is a natural location for such an enterprise and that traffic "would be no problem for area residents." He said the stadium would seat 5,600 people and would create 300 jobs.

He further claimed that the property, owned by the same firm that owns the Springfield Newspapers, is currently worth \$40,000 in taxes to the community. "Property taxes would jump to \$200,000 just by us coming in and renovating this area that is an eyesore." He said approximately \$500,000 would be paid to the Commonwealth's treasury because of the racing.

But local residents remained unimpressed. They were hostile towards what one resident claimed was "the violation of our right to govern ourselves as allowed by home rule."

Connelly pointed out to the Commission that in previous years, the town has observed home rule and the

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'Human Error' Cited...

Town Council Unanimous in Support of Caputo

Claiming that Town Manager Peter Caputo 'possibly made a human error in judgement', the Town Council unanimously supported a resolution that negated charges that Caputo had falsified his resume when he applied for the position of town manager.

The resolution, passed at an executive session Wednesday evening, was, according to councilor Dennis Roberts, 'a fair judgement rendered by the council in the final analysis'.

Roberts, one of twelve councilors that supported the resolution, said only councilor Robert Deforge would not take part in the vote. Deforge left the chambers prior to the final action and refused to return when beckoned into the room by Council President Richard Theroux.

Councilors Kenneth Barnes and William Herd were not present at the closed session, which was requested by Caputo last week.

In a prepared statement to The Advertiser/News, Theroux said, 'The town council retains the manager in his position and that possibly a human error in judgement was made by Peter Caputo. However, this error has not injured the community and we believe it will not hinder the town in the future. We have requested that Peter Caputo accumulate all previous academic credentials and submit them to an accredited college for evaluation, and if necessary, continue his degree requirements.'

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Fore!!!



Watch out Arnold Palmer!! Here comes Derek Uri-jenhoek. A real pro at the ripe old age of three.

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Audubon Society Offers Photo Session

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a 3-session photography workshop beginning Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.

William A. Tompkins, adjunct professor of Biology at Springfield College and former city naturalist of Springfield, is the course instructor. His photographic abilities have won him numerous recognition awards in various countries, especially in the nature slide competition.

The photography workshop is for 35 mm cameras using either black and white or color film. Subject concentration will be "nature in autumn." An indoor orientation, outdoor work session, and final critique are scheduled for each of the two-hour meetings.

The Photography Workshop is open to the public and a fee is charged. For more information call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

Bay Path Holds Auditions

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path Junior College will hold auditions for men to join the act of "The Pajama Game", on Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall. Roles for actors, singers, and dancers of all ages are available in the musical, which will be produced by the College in November.

Director Paul C. Norton said that "The Pajama Game", with music by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross and book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell, is based on the ageless struggle between union and labor, and is as timely today as when it was first produced in 1954. Musical director will be Charles E. Page; and choreographer, Al Boudreau.

Further information about the auditions may be obtained by calling Bay Path's Theatre Arts Department after August 27.

Senior Center Wright St., Agawam

8/27: Pot Roast, noodles, broccoli, peaches
8/28: Golumkis, mashed potatoes, cherries
8/29: Cold plate, cottage cheese, cake
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8/31: Clam chowder, grilled cheese sandwiches, fruit

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Dr. Haynes footclinic will be held on September 5, 1979. By appointment only!!

WIDE HORIZONS Project Plans Finalized

On August 16th, teachers from Clark and Pierce Schools met with the staff of the Springfield Science Museum to finalize their curriculum plans for the WIDE HORIZONS Project.

WIDE HORIZONS, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, and coordinated by the Cultural Education Collaborative, gives Agawam elementary school teachers the opportunity to work closely with the staff of local cultural institutions, and use the institutions' collections to enrich their teaching.

During the first year of the project, eighteen teachers teamed with three cultural institutions - the Science Museum, the Quadrangle Art Museum, and Storowtown Village Museum - in summer institutes to learn more about the resources of the museums, and to develop "cultural kits" - curriculum packets that use those resources to help teach a basic subject, such as English or mathematics. The "cultural kits" developed during this summer will be used by the six Agawam elementary schools in the coming school year.

Theresa Augusti and Janice Phillips from Clark School, and Vincent Valentine, Josephine Whitehead, and Bonnie Moccio from Pierce School worked with the Science Museum staff and resources in a two-week summer institute in late June. During the institute, the teachers decided to develop two "cultural kits"; one on dinosaurs, the other on light- and during July, each teacher created activities for one or both of the kits. The teachers and museum staff met again on August 16th to choose which activities would be included in the kits.

The dinosaur kit will be an integral part of the first-grade science curriculum at Pierce School during the coming school year. With the assistance of museum staff person Sara Orr, the first-grade students and teachers will visit the dinosaur collection at the Science Museum, learn how to identify a tyrannosaurus rex from a stegosaurus, and possibly take field trips to Granby State Park to view and learn how to make dinosaur tracks.

The fourth grades at both Clark and Pierce Schools will use the light kit in their science studies next year. Under the direction of Bob Staron, Curator of Astronomy at the museum, students and teachers will explore the uses and properties of light, experiment with defraction gratings and blackboard optics, and build their own spectroscopes to view the colors in light.

The Clark and Pierce teachers are so enthusiastic about their work with the Science Museum through WIDE HORIZONS that they are trying to foster a more permanent relationship between Agawam elementary schools and the museum. One teacher, Theresa Augusti, has catalogued all the programs of the museum - from "Wonderful You" on the human body to "Night is Nice" in the planetarium - and has fit these programs into the Agawam elementary science curriculum outline. Augusti hopes that this catalogue will inspire Agawam elementary teachers to use the resources of the Science Museum as an important tool in their teaching of science.

Camp Rainbow Ends Successful Summer

Camp Rainbow ended its 1979 season last week after seven weeks of operation this summer. In addition to the regular schedule of classes in physical education, swimming, arts and crafts, and music, there were several major activities for the campers.

Monday, August 13th, was the campers' last bowling trip. Murphy's Sporting Goods and Trophies of Springfield and Riverdale Lanes generously donated over 25 large trophies and name plates for all the bowlers from the camp, and these were awarded at the bowling alley. For many of the children, these were the first trophies they had ever received.

On Wednesday, August 15, the students all went roller skating at The Rollaway in Agawam. Flashing lights and disco music helped put everyone in an adventurous mood and this was one of the most enjoyable outings they had all summer.

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Pack 78 Car Wash Slated

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Race Track Hearing Well Attended



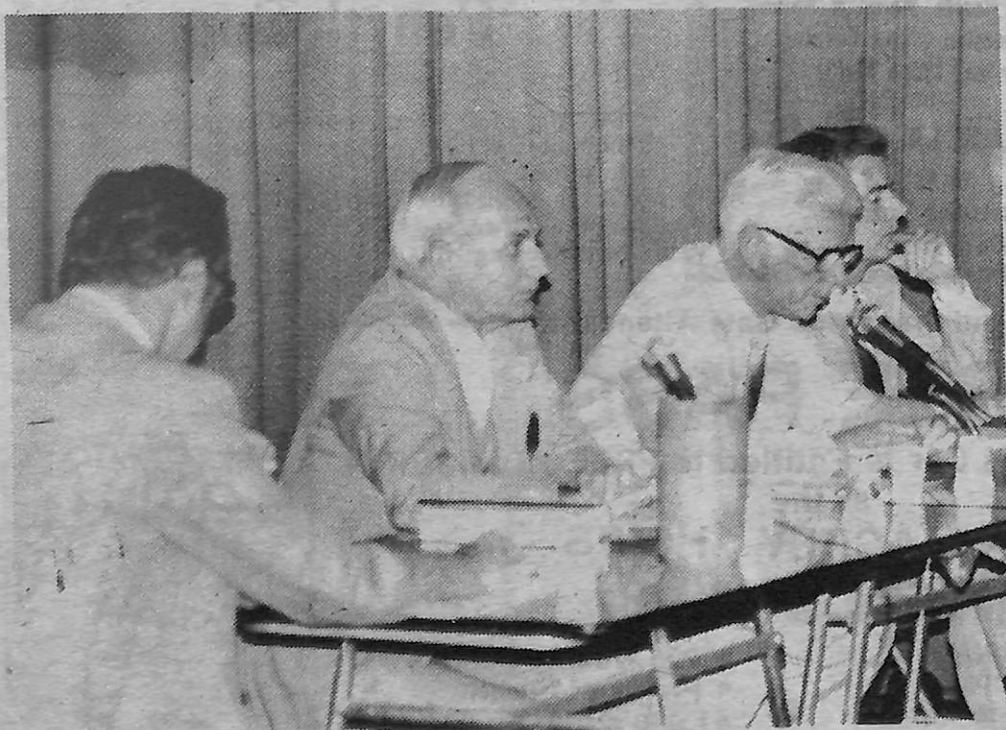
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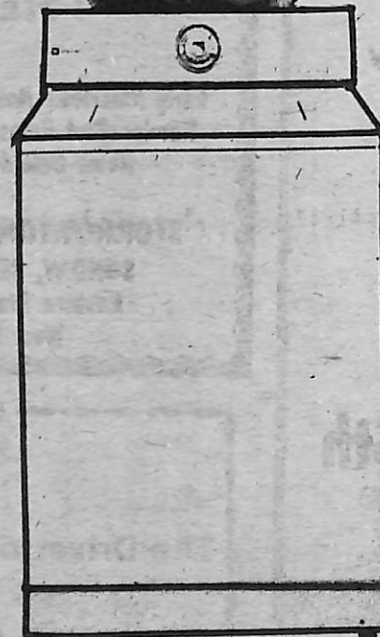
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Bradford-Ramponi Nuptials Celebrated

Ruth Elizabeth Bradford became the bride of Richard Wayne Ramponi in a candlelight ceremony at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills on Saturday, August 18th.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bradford, 21 Oxford Street, Agawam. She graduated from Agawam High School and S.T.C.C. as a registered nurse and she works at Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Ramponi, 105 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills. Also graduated from Agawam High School he attended S.T.C.C. He is a firefighter employed by the Town of Wilbraham and a sales associate with Gove Realty Agawam.

The bride's sister, Laura Bradford, served as her maid of honor. Mrs. Susan Atwater, Kathy Kennedy and Sally Williams attended as bridesmaids. The groom's brother, Robert Ramponi, served as his bestman. Forre't Bradford, Richard Bosini and Kenneth St. Peter attended as groomsmen. Flowergirls were Paula and Danielle Fieldstad. A reception at the Colosseum Banquet House followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Ramponi will reside in Wilbraham.

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Patricia Ritter Weds William N. Bressette



Mrs. William Normand Bressette

Patricia Lynn Ritter and William Normand Bressette exchanged marriage vows Saturday, August 18th at 12:00; in Valley Community Church. The Rev. Frank Dunn officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Cathy Devine of Agawam, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Gary Bressette of Granby served as his brothers best man. Miss Ann Bressette and Miss Sharon Bressette, sisters of the groom were bridesmaids. Ushers were Thomas and David Ritter, brothers of the bride.

Flower girl was Marci Ann Guillemette and ring bearer was Brian Guillemette.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritter of Cambridge Street, Feeding Hills are parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bressette of Granby, Mass.

The bride is a recent graduate of Agawam High School. The groom graduated from Granby Junior, Senior High School and is employed at AMPAD of Holyoke, Mass.

After a honeymoon trip to the Pocono Mts. Mr. and Mrs. Bressette will make their home in South Hadley.

Heywood-O'Brien Exchange Vows

On August 18, 1979 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Evangelist Church, Susan E. Heywood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Heywood of 25 Fernwood Dr., Agawam became the bride of Mr. Gerald O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. O'Brien of 8 Hillside Place, Chappaqua, N.Y.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Mrs. Michael D. Gallagher. Bridesmaids were Nancy A. Heywood, sister of the bride, Karen S. Heywood, sister-in-law of the bride, Laurie Robertson and Nancy A. Palazzi. Frank J. O'Brien brother of the groom served as Best Man and the ushers were James R. O'Brien, J. Micheal O'Brien, brothers of the groom, J. Timothy Craig and Paul J. Heywood, brother of the bride. Rev. Karl Huller officiated at the ceremony.

After a reception at the La Renaissance, East Windsor, Ct. the couple are honeymooning in Hawaii.

Mrs. O'Brien graduated from Agawam High School and Endicott College, Beverly, Ma. She is employed by The Yacht Club, Inc. Ventura, Calif. Mr. O'Brien graduated from Horace Greely High School, Chappaqua, N.Y. attended Pace University, N.Y. He is employed by Hostess Cake Santa Barbara, Calif. They will reside in Ventura Calif.



Mrs. Gerald O'Brien

Lukes Welcome Fourth Son

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Luke of Highland, New York, announce the birth of their fourth son Joshua Paul, who joined his brothers Jeffery, Jamie, and Jonathan on August 7th. Mrs. Luke is the former Jeri-Ann Davilli daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Faustino Davilli of 229 North Street, Feeding Hills.

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Columbus Day Queen Selection Nears

The United Italian-American Societies and Clubs of Greater Springfield will select its 18th Miss Columbus and four girls for her Court on Sunday, September 23rd at the Willow Glen Restaurant.

To enter a constant must be 17-21, single and have a paternal Italian surname.

The Queen must be available for the Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 7th; the Columbus Day Banquet on Saturday, October 6th and the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Awarded will be a \$600.00 Scholarship or Trip to the Queen and a \$125.00 Scholarship or Prize to each girl in the Court.

All girls who are interested are requested to attend an informal get-together at 126 Clarendon Street, Springfield, Mass. on Sunday, September 9th from 3-6 p.m.. Applications may be gotten and filled out there.

For more information contact: Mrs. Thomas H. Coppola, General Chairman, 350 Meadow Street, Apt. No. 60, Meadow Street, Agawam, Mass. 01001. The committee will contact contestants regarding further details. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, September 18th.

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Caputo's resume has been the subject of relentless attack by former councilor Valentine Moreno. Moreno charged Caputo with falsifying the academic portion of his resume.

Caputo had listed a BA degree from Rochdale College in Ontario, Canada, but later admitted he 'never saw the place.' Canadian educators confirmed that Rochdale sold BA degrees and never received academic accreditation.

Moreno further charged Caputo with never completing a Master's Degree or even accumulating credits towards a Masters. Caputo said he acquired the credits while in the Air Force and during his administrative career. Both Moreno and Caputo have filed complaints with District Attorney Matthew Ryan.

Caputo said he was happy with the Council's decision and that now the town can get on with its business.

Sponsoring the resolution were Councilors Paul Fieldstad, Frederick Nardi and Council Vice President Francis Colli. Roberts and Donald Ladizinski issued seconds to the resolution.

Caputo admitted that the meeting became heated at times but added, "everyone there wanted to be fair and their decision was based on the sense of fair play."

Observed Roberts on the Council's decision, "it was a frank and open discussion and many things were covered. The discussion was far reaching. In the end, justice was served."

Said Caputo of his move to bring Moreno's charges before the District Attorney, "I never lied to the Council. If I had, I would have never gone to Mr. Ryan's office."

Moreno has stated that if he believed the council "whitewashed" his investigation, he would take further action. The Advertiser/News was unable to contact Moreno for his reaction to the Council Resolution.

St. Anthony's Church Slates Bar-B-Que

St. Anthony's Church of Agawam will have their 17th annual chicken bar-b-que on Sunday, Sept. 2 from noon to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the church's Holy Name Society, the bar-b-que will be held at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills, rain or shine. The cost of tickets will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under twelve.

The menu for the afternoon is a half chicken, Italian tossed salad, Agawam native corn, water melon, bread, coffee and punch. "Honey Bunch" orders to go will be available, but you must provide your own container.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Society, from the ushers after Mass, at the Rectory, 108 Bridge Street, Agawam, and at Mutti's Service Station. They may also be bought at Interstate Sales, and at the Polish Club the day of the Bar-b-que. Proceeds from the event will be used for church improvements.

Rev. Joseph H. Fellin, Church Rector, is honorary chairman. Frank Gatti and "Gubby" Borgatti are co-chairmen.

St. Joseph's Annual Harvest Festival

In keeping with traditional celebration of the season's successful harvest, St. Joseph's Polish National Church of Westfield, Mass. will hold their annual "Dozynki" or Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 2, 1979. This year's festivities will include the participation of clergy, altar boys, and lay people in bringing in the sheaf of wheat from the fields to the home of the "Pan and Pani" (landowners), which includes prayers of Thanksgiving and rejoicing in song. Young girls of the parish will don their beautiful "Krawkowska" outfits in hoping to re-create a special moment in time by bringing back a picture of their forefathers native homeland.

The event, which usually takes place at the parish picnic grounds, has been changed to Brzoska's Grove, Route 202, College Highway, Sothwick, Mass. Delicious Polish and American foods will be available at the picnic grounds at 12:30 p.m., rain or shine. Games, pony rides, prizes and refreshments should satisfy young and old alike. The program will begin at 2 p.m., followed by the music of Leo Murawski and his orchestra until 8 p.m.. Father Robert Nemkovich, pastor of St. Joseph's Church and the Dozynki committee cordially invite all to attend.

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Kiwanis Peanut Sale Aids Youth, Elderly

It was at a baseball game in Chicago in the Summer of 1950, and two Kiwanis Club members were watching a Cubs game while munching on a bag of peanuts.

Not exactly The type of situation where great ideas are conceived, but this day was different. Harold Hayward and Al Bluhm had been seeking a simple means of raising funds for Kiwanis Youth Groups that would meet the Kiwanis requirements of giving something of value in exchange for monetary support of these programs. Up to then, most Kiwanis Clubs raised funds by putting on such things as minstrel shows, special dinners and the like.

"Why not sell peanuts on the street?" they chorused in unison, as the ballgame went unnoticed. "Everybody loves peanuts, and they aren't expensive. No tickets to sell. Do it all in a weekend, and help underprivileged kids for a whole year.

Little did they realize that 24 years later their idea would become a National event with almost 400 cities in the country participating. But they did run into a big problem. They neglected to get permission from City Hall, and were arrested for conducting a street sale without a vendor's permit. They spent two hours in the pokey for this.

This stumbling block was quickly corrected, however, and by the next year, the City Council had passed a resolution permitting the sale.

This weekend and next, the West Springfield/Agawam Kiwanis Club members and their friends will be in front of stores wearing Kiwanis aprons, and giving away peanuts for any donation.

The Kiwanis Kids Day peanut sale helps raise funds to support various youth and elderly programs in the community. The local club will raise, through donations, money which will also provide scholarships for High School seniors. Other projects sponsored by the Kiwanis Club are the Elderly Van and the Park and Recreation Band Shell, sponsorship of basketball, softball, and soccer teams, and improvements in Mittineague Park.

The Chairman of the Peanut Sale this year is Stuart Irwin of Wolcott Avenue, West Springfield, and he may be contacted for further information.

This year's sale will be held on two weekends. The sale dates are Thursday, August 30 - Saturday, September 1 and Thursday, September 6 - Saturday, September 8. The Kiwanians will be out in their Peanut Aprons at many local shopping centers and stores in Agawam and West Springfield including Zayre's and Bradlees.

Mother's Morning Out

Do you know who has instituted a Baby-Sitting Co-Op for its members to give them free time or an opportunity to attend activities or to do errands?

Do you know who sponsors a monthly Book Review Group? Members read a mutually agreed-upon book and then meet for a lively and very informal discussion.

Do you know who chose "Secret Pals" at Heritage Hall Nursing Home last year and sent them cards or small gifts? In the spring, members met their "pals" and felt very good about themselves for having put some joy into the lives of our senior citizens. Some lasting friendships were formed through this project. Each Christmas, members and their children visit Heritage Hall and have a Trim-A-Tree party, complete with refreshments made by members. The holiday season becomes a little more special for the residents with the "patter of little feet."

Do you know who sponsors a Christmas party for members' children - complete with a visit from Mrs. Santa Claus?

Give up?

On Friday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will sponsor a membership coffee hour in the Community Room of the town library. During this informal gathering, those in attendance will be made aware of other activities sponsored by the Juniors, meet some of the members, and get a general idea of what the Agawam Juniors are all about. This is an Agawam/Feeding Hills civic organization that serves the citizens of the community. Occasionally, for good behavior and a job well done, members plan a social activity.

A story will be presented during the "meeting" for the pre-schoolers, while their mothers enjoy refreshments and listen to Mrs. Kay Wurga of Feeding Hills speak and demonstrate the art of dried flower arranging.

Please mark your calendar for September 7th, and come with your friends to learn about "those Juniors" and relax and enjoy the Membership Coffee Hour.

Newcomers to Hear Lord Mills

Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will hold its first meeting of the 79-80 season this Tuesday, September 4th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam at 8:00 p.m.

Newcomers is a women's club and welcomes all women of the area to come and join us. Because of Lord Theodore Mills' popularity and his expertise on White Witches, the public will be admitted for the small fee of 75 cents.

Further information may be obtained by calling 786-2155 or 786-0810.

Clambake Set To Raise Funds For Scleroderma

On Saturday, September 8th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., a clambake will be held for Scleroderma research at Brozka's Grove off Route 202 in Southwick. Gubby & Friends will sponsor this event, which includes members of the St. Rocco Club in Westfield, in memory of Ruth Borgatti, who passed away December 16, 1973 from the disease referred to as Scleroderma, which causes the skin to turn practically to stone.

Money from this event and many others over the past year will be turned over to the International Scleroderma Foundation on October 6th at the annual meeting which takes place in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Gubby Borgatti, husband of Ruth, his daughter and mother-in-law and some people from this area afflicted with Scleroderma will be in Pennsylvania to present the foundation with the check.

According to some friends, "This clambake will be one of the best" and the price is right. \$15 per person. Tickets are available until September 1, the cut-off time. You may call Gubby at 736-3487 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m.

The menu will be as follows: from 11 to 2 o'clock, cherry stone clams, hamburgs, hot dogs, Italian sausage, kielbasa, and clam chowder; from 2 to 4 o'clock, steamed clams; from 4 to 6 o'clock, either lobster or steak and corn on the cob. There will be an open bar including liquor and beer all day.

The event will be held, rain or shine, and Gubby & Friends hope the ticket sales will continue to move as well as they are now. They will close sales at 175 people.

F.H. Women's Club To Meet

The 1979-1980 club season for the Feeding Hills Women's Club will open with the regular meeting Wednesday, September 5th, at 8 p.m. in the Grange Hall, North West Street.

Plans will be finalized and reservations taken for the bus trip to Gloucester and Rockport on Sunday, September 30. The cost of \$27.50 includes dinner and admission charges. This should be a very enjoyable trip.

"Using The Herbal Bounty," a demonstration and talk on herbs, will be the program of the night and will be presented by Kay Higgins.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 5, 1979 Feeding Hills Women's Club Grange Hall No. West St., F.H. 8 p.m.	August 24, 1979 School Bus Tour Agawam Jr. Women Club Agawam High School 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
September 2, 1979 St. Anthony's Church Chicken Bar-b-que Polish American Club Southwick St., F.H. Noon - 4 p.m.	August 25, 1979 Newcomers' Car Wash Agawam Middle School Main Street 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
September 8, 1979 Scleroderma Benefit Clambake Brozka's Grove Rt. 202, Southwick 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	August 25, 1979 Elm Boosters Auction 733 Main Street Agawam 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Agawam Fire Dept. Tag Sale Benefits M.D.

The Agawam Fire Department will be sponsoring a "Tag Day" at the Food Mart, Zayre and Kings Department Stores in Agawam on Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1.

Proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and be used, here in Western Mass., for ongoing patient services and research.

The funds raised will be presented at the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon by a member of the Agawam Fire Department.

The IAFF is a National cooperating group of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Last year, nearly \$12,000 was raised by the Fire Departments in Western Mass area.

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7:00 - Closing



Gina Lewis left, and Stacy Koretz, right share a ride while enjoying one of the few remaining days left before school starts.

United Way Announces Goal

A \$2,424,201 goal was announced for the annual United Way of Pioneer Valley Campaign today by John McP. Collins, 1979 general campaign chairman, and chairman of the board of Springfield Institution for Savings, and Leonard W. Stone, United Way president, and a management consultant.

Collins and Stone were assisted with the announcement by magician, "Ragnu-the-OK", better known as Dr. Jay M. Ungar, an internist at Baystate Medical Center.

Over 150 youngsters at the Springfield Boys' Club and Carew Hill Girls' Club, a United Way member agency were entertained during a half hour magical performance which revealed the 1979 United Way of Pioneer Valley campaign.

Stone said, "Ragnu-the OK" has helped place special emphasis on our 1979 goal by involving children in its announcement during this "Year of the Child". They represent our future, and a significant portion of our annual United Way services are directed toward their needs."

"Just as this magic show has brought joy to these children today," said Collins "we can bring joy to our neighbors by supporting the 1979 United Way Campaign, which provides services that help ease everyone's burdens in life."



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Daniel Gaynor, age 4½, has his own wheels to get him around. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaynor of Agawam.

Tailgate & Crafts Sale

September 8, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Buy wares from local hobbyists, craftsmen and collectors, outdoors at the Village School Grounds on Route 57 in Granville, Mass. The Ladies Aid of the Federated Church sponsors the sale in the rural, apple-growing community. Admission is free. Refreshments and homebaked goods are available. Bring a carload of friends to save energy and plan to spend a relaxing day in the beautiful hills of Granville. Rain date September 15.

Chicken Barbbque Set in West Side

The planning committee met recently to finalize plans for the 10th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que to be held at the Passionist Retreat House on Monastery Avenue in West Springfield on Sunday, September 9, 1979 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

This year's fund raising event promises to be bigger and better than before! Plans have been made for extra parking facilities, games and prizes. The public is cordially invited to attend this gala affair to be held rain or shine on the grounds of the Passionist Retreat House on Sunday, September 9th. Reservations may be made by calling the Passionist Retreat House at 736-5458.

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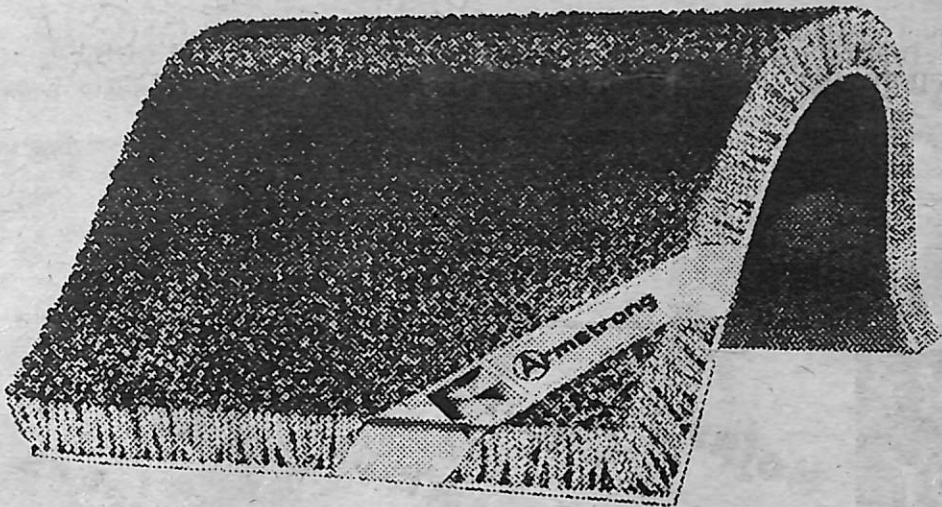
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Magic Show Benefits M.D.



Jim Crowley and Chris Sanchez, both of Feeding Hills, held a magic show recently to benefit Muscular Dystrophy. Shown above with Jim and Chris above are Paul Joseph, Kenny Kubic, Tony Joseph, Christine Crowley, Pam Blake, Sean Foley, Jimmy Wheeler, Michael Nofall, Christopher Saferic, Brendan Blake and Scott Read.

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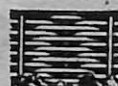
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AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

School Bus Rules

In order to insure the safe transportation of all children to and from school, the Agawam School Committee has adopted School Bus Rules. They will be rigidly enforced because of potential hazard to all riders.

The penalties for violation of bus rules shall be a warning initially. A second offense shall result in a loss of riding privileges for a period of at least five school days. Any further problem will result in loss of transportation for a minimum of one month.

Serious breaches of discipline such as fighting, abuse of the bus driver or other passengers, damage to the bus or any other action constituting a threat to safety will result in immediate loss of riding privileges rather than a warning.

1. Wait for bus at designated bus stop. Busses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from street until bus arrives. Pupils are not to play in road, trespass on private property, or engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at bus stop.

2. If you must cross a highway to board the bus or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.

3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.

4. Enter the bus quietly and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.

5. The driver has been instructed not to wait for you. Be on time.

6. Remain in your seat while bus is moving. Pupils are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or principal only.

7. Leave and enter bus only at front entrance door except in case of emergency. Emergency Exit Drills will be conducted during the school year to acquaint children with methods of exit in emergencies.

8. Talking in a conversational voice and tone is permissible. Shouting or excessive loud talking is prohibited.

9. Undesirable remarks directed to the driver or other students and stirring up adverse behavior are not allowed.

10. Horseplay is not permitted. Students are not to yell, motion, or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrian. Throwing of objects or articles is forbidden.

11. Eating (including beverages) and smoking are not permitted on school busses.

12. Packages other than school materials will not be transported at any time.

13. Pupils are to remain seated at discharge points until the school bus has come to a complete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. Pupils must follow instructions given by the bus driver.

15. Damage to busses will not be tolerated. You are responsible for damage to your seat and area during your trip. Report any damage immediately to bus driver.

16. Pupils entitled to transportation may ride only bus assigned to and from school.

17. Students in grades 8 through 12 are required to have identification cards, issued by the school department, in order to ride school busses. These cards must be shown to the driver upon entering the bus. If the driver so requests, the cards must be surrendered by the student. Such a request will be made only if a disciplinary problem exists. The card will be returned to the student through the principal's office when the student is again entitled to ride.

If the driver turns in a card in the afternoon, the student will be allowed to ride to school the next morning pending an investigation of the complaint by the principal.

Cards will be issued annually. Lost cards must be replaced before the student will be allowed to ride. There will be no charge for the first card but a payment of .50 will be required for replacement cards.

Transferred in students will be issued a temporary bus pass by the principal. Students leaving school for any reason are required to turn in the I.D. card. Cards will be prepared during the first week of school by the School Department.

18. The Agawam School Committee reserves the right to refuse to transport any pupil who fails to observe rules and regulations or exhibits unacceptable conduct.

School Bus Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL

Bus No.1 7:05 a.m.: Picks up along SUFFIELD ST. from Silver to Center. Picks up corner of EDWARD ST. & COREY ST.

Bus No.2 7:05 a.m.: Picks up along RIVER RD from Leonard to Main.

Bus No.3 7:02 a.m.: Picks up along SCHOOL ST., RIVER RD. from School to Leonard, LEONARD ST.

Bus No.5 7:05 a.m.: Picks up along NORTH WEST ST.,

NORTH WESTFIELD ST. from North West St. to Parkedge Dr.

Bus No.7 7:05 a.m.: Picks up along NORTH WESTFIELD ST. from New York to Provin Mt.

Bus No.8 7:08 a.m.: Picks up along NORTH WESTFIELD ST from Springfield to North. NORTH ST from North Westfield to No. 536 North St.

Bus No.9 7:05 a.m.: Picks up along SOUTH ST, MAIN ST from State Line to Melrose Place.

Bus No.10 7:10 a.m.: Picks up along COLEMORE ST from Hastings to North, NORTH ST from Colemore to Wilson, Picks up corner of MAYNARD ST & CORNET CIR.

Bus No.12 7:05 a.m.: Picks up corner MAPLE ST & OAK HILL AVE, picks up along WASHINGTON ST., REED ST., FEDERAL ST.

Bus No.19 7:10 a.m.: Picks up MAIN ST from Cooper to Elm, ELM ST.

Bus No.20 7:00 a.m.: Picks up COOPER ST from Senator to Main, MEADOW ST, RIVER RD from Rte. 57 to Alhambra Cir., SOUTH ALHAMBRA CIR, COREY ST from Alhambra Cir to No. 200.

Bus No. 23 7:02 a.m.: Picks up along ADAMS ST.

Bus No.25 7:10 a.m.: Picks up corner SPRINGFIELD ST & NORTHWOOD ST, SOUTH WESTFIELD ST from Springfield to Shoemaker, SHOEMAKER LANE from South Westfield to Silver, SILVER ST from Shoemaker to Garden.

Bus No.26 6:55 a.m.: Picks up POPLAR ST from Garden to Shoemaker, SOUTH WESTFIELD ST from Hendom to Barry, BARRY ST from South Westfield to South West, SOUTH WEST ST from Barry to Southwick, SOUTHWICK ST.

Bus No.27 7:10 a.m.: Picks up along GARDEN ST from Memorial to Silver, SILVER ST from Garden to Suffield, SUFFIELD ST from Silver to South, SHOEMAKER LANE from Suffield to Silver.

Bus No.28 7:10 a.m.: Picks up along WALNUT ST from Springfield to High, HIGH ST from Walnut to Bridge, BRIDGE ST from High to Maple; Picks up corner of MAPLE ST & MOORE ST; Picks up corner of ROWLEY ST & SPRINGFIELD ST.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Bus No.1 7:32 a.m.: Picks ups along NORTH WEST ST, NORTH WESTFIELD ST from North West to Fox Farms.

Bus No.5 7:38 a.m.: Picks up along WALNUT ST from Springfield to High, HIGH ST from Walnut to Bridge; Picks up corner of SPRINGFIELD ST & HARDING ST; Picks up corner of SPRINGFIELD ST & HOMER ST.

Bus No.7 7:32 a.m.: Picks up along MILL ST from Tennis to Suffield, SOUTH ST, MAIN ST from the State Line to Leonard St.

Bus No.8 7:32 a.m.: Picks up corner of COOPER ST & FEDERAL EXT, EDWARD ST, COREY ST, SOUTH ALHAMBRA CIR, SCHOOL ST.

Bus No.10 7:35 a.m.: Picks up along ADAMS ST, SILVER ST, from Suffield to Shoemaker.

Bus No.12 7:30 a.m.: Picks up along LEONARD ST, RIVER RD from Leonard to Main.

Bus No.19 7:35 a.m.: Picks up along MAIN ST from Parker to Elm, ELM ST from Main to Silver, SUFFIELD ST from Silver to South, SHOEMAKER LANE from Suffield to Poplar.

Bus No.20 7:35 a.m.: Picks up MAPLE ST from Danahy School to Oak Hill, picks up corner of NORTH ST & OAK LANE, COLEMORE ST from North to Park.

Bus No.22 7:20 a.m.: Picks up along MEADOW ST, RIVER RD from Rte 57 to Warren; picks up corner of MILL STREET & GRIFFEN PLACE; Picks up corner of MILL ST & RHODES AVE.

Bus No.23 7:25 a.m.: Picks up corner of GARDEN ST & MEMORIAL DR, picks up along POPLAR ST from Garden to Shoemaker, SOUTH WESTFIELD ST from No.291 to Barry, BARRY ST from South Westfield to South West, SOUTH WEST ST from Barry to Southwick, SOUTHWICK ST from town line to Charter Oak.

Bus No.24 7:30 a.m.: Picks up along WASHINGTON ST from Suffield to Reed, REED ST, MAIN ST from Reed to Cooper, COOPER ST from Main to Senator, MILL ST from Cooper to Line, FRANKLIN ST.

Bus No.26 7:35 a.m.: Picks up along PERRY LANE, MILL ST from Perry to Suffield, SUFFIELD ST from Mill to Cooper, COOPER ST from Suffield to Wrenwood.

Bus No.27 7:35 a.m.: Picks up along ROWLEY ST, picks up corner of NORTH ST & HOMER ST, NORTH ST from No.536 to No.805, THALIA DR from North Westfield to Parkview.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bus No.1 8:05 a.m.: Picks up along NORTH WESTFIELD ST from North to Fox Farms, NORTH ST from North Westfield to Colemore.

Bus No.2 8:05 a.m.: Picks up along RIVER RD from School to Main.

Bus No.3 7:58 a.m.: Picks up along ELM ST from Main to Silver, SILVER ST, ADAMS ST, MAIN ST from Adams to Elm.

Bus No.9 8:05 a.m.: Picks up along MEADOW ST, SOUTH ALHAMBRA CIR, COREY ST, MAIN ST from Leland to Beekman.

Bus No.12 8:00 a.m.: Picks up along NORTH WEST ST, NORTH WESTFIELD ST from town line to Robin Ridge, NORTH WESTFIELD ST from North to

Southwick.

Bus No.19 8:00 a.m.: Picks up along SOUTH WESTFIELD ST from Hamer to Barry, BARRY ST from South Westfield to South West, SOUTH WEST ST from Barry to Southwick.

Bus No.20 8:08 a.m.: Picks up along SOUTHWICK ST, SPRINGFIELD ST from South Westfield to Mill.

Bus No.23 8:07 a.m.: Picks up corner of NORTHWOOD ST & COLUMBIA DR, picks up along CAMBRIDGE ST from Columbia to Yale, NORTH ST from Cherry to Maynard.

Bus No.24 8:00 a.m.: Picks up along MILL ST from Tennis to Suffield, SOUTH ST, MAIN ST from the state line to Adams, LEONARD ST, SCHOOL ST.

Bus No.25 8:05 a.m.: Picks up along GARDEN ST, MILL ST from Poplar St to Cooper, HOLLAND DR, OLD MILL RD, COOPER ST from Mill to Karen, picks up corner of FEDERAL AVE & HARVEY-JOHNSON DR.

Bus No.27 8:05 a.m.: Picks up along POPLAR ST from No.41 to Shoemaker, SHOEMAKER LANE from Poplar to Suffield, SUFFIELD ST from Center to South.

Bus No.28 8:10 a.m.: Picks up corner of HENRY ST & POPLAR ST, SPRINGFIELD ST from Poplar to Cleveland St.

KINDERGARTEN

GRANGER SCHOOL BUS NO.5

Drops off along SPRINGFIELD ST, BROOKLINE AVE, NORTHWOOD ST from Spfld. St. to Columbia Dr., COLUMBIA DR from Northwood to Cambridge, CAMBRIDGE ST from Columbia to Liguori, WHITE OAKS DR, ELIZABETH ST, NORTH & SOUTH WESTFIELD STS, BARRY ST.

Picks up 12:00 on BARRY ST, SOUTH WEST ST from Barry to Southwick Sts., NICOLE TERR, SOUTHWICK ST from Charter Oak to town line, NORTH WEST ST.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL BUS NO.23

Drops off at DANAHY SCHOOL, SPRINGFIELD ST from Chapin St to Rhodes Ave, HASTINGS ST from Spfld. to Colemore, BESSBROOK from Spfld. to Colemore, LINE ST, MILL ST, RHODES AVE.

Picks Up 12:00 on ROWLEY ST from Keating to Cooper, COOPER ST, SYLVAN LANE, NORTH ST from Ridgeway to Maynard St.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL BUS NO.1

Drops off on PLEASANT DR, THALIA DR from North Westfield to Parkview, PARKVIEW DR from North Westfield to Thalia, ROBIN RIDGE, SQUIRE LANE, NORTH WEST ST.

Picks up 12:00 on NORTH WEST ST, NORTH WESTFIELD ST, SQUIRE LANE, PLEASANT VALLEY, FOX FARMS RD, STRAWBERRY LANE from Fox Farms to Clover Hill, CLOVER HILL from Strawberry to North Westfield, NORTH ST from North Westfield to Wilbert.

PHELPS SCHOOL BUS NO. 20

Drops off along SCHOOL ST., SIMPSON CIR, MEADOWBROOK from Simpson to Western, WESTERN DR from Meadowbrook to Clifton, CLIFTON DR, RIVER RD from Clifton to Leonard, LEONARD ST.

Picks up 10:50 on SILVER ST from Birch Hill to Suffield, SUFFIELD ST from Silver to Poinsetta, POINSETTA ST, CLEMATIS ST, VALENTINE ST from Clematis to Samuel, SAMUEL ST, ANTHONY ST from Samuel to Suffield, SUFFIELD ST from Anthony to Washington, WASHINGTON AVE from Suffield to Reed, REED ST, MAIN ST from Reed to Federal, FEDERAL ST, COOPER ST from Federal to Main, MAIN ST from Reed to Federal, FEDERAL ST, COOPER ST from Federal to Main, MAIN ST from Cooper to Meadow, MEADOW ST, SOUTH ALHAMBRA CIR., COREY ST.

CLARK SCHOOL BUS NO.26

Drops off along MAIN ST, RIVERIA DR, AUTUMN ST, SYCAMORE TERR, CHESTNUT ST from Sycamore to River Rd, RIVER RD, FOREST RD, ALFRED ST, PINEVIEW CIR, MALLARD CIR.

Picks up 11:30 along PINEVIEW CIR, ADAMS ST, BUTTERNUT LANE from Adams to Primrose, FERNWOOD ST, FAYMORE DR, SUFFIELD ST, SILVER ST, GARDEN ST, DEPALMA ST, SHOEMAKER LANE from Silver to Suffield St.

PHELPS SCHOOL

Bus No.2 7:35 a.m.: Picks up along COOPER ST. Picks up along SCHOOL ST. Picks up along LEONARD ST. Picks up along REED ST. Picks up along WASHINGTON AVE.

Bus No.3 7:35 a.m.: Picks up along SUFFIELD ST from Silver to Ley. Picks up along SILVER ST. Picks up along RIVER RD from School to Leonard. Picks up along SIMPSON CIR. Picks up cor. off MEADOWBROOK DR & WESTERN DR. Picks up along WESTERN DR. Picks up along CLIFTON DR.

Bus No.9 7:40 a.m.: Picks up MILL ST from Suffield to Perry Lane. Picks up PERRY LANE from Mill to Elm. Picks up ELM ST from Perry Lane to Silver. Picks up COREY ST from No.200 to Alhambra. Picks up along

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AGAWAM SCHOOL

MR. RICHARD F. BORGATTI, Chairman
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AGAWAM SCHOOL
JAMES V. E
Acting Superintendent

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools will open on Wednesday, September 5, 1979 -all day session.
School Holidays - October 8, Columbus Day; October 26, Teachers' Convention Day; November 12, Veterans' Day; November 21 (1/2), 22, 23, Thanksgiving; January 15, Martin Luther King Day; April 4, Good Friday; May 26, Memorial Day.
School Vacations - Christmas, December 24 through January 1; Winter Vacation, February 18 through 22; Spring Vacation, April 21 through 25.
Schools will close on June 23, 1980 (earlier closing dependent on snow days used during school year).

SCHOOL HOURS

7:40-1:40 - Agawam High School
8:10-2:10 - Agawam Junior High and Benjamin J. Phelps School
8:40-2:40 - Agawam Middle School and James Clark School
9:10-3:10 - Robinson Park School, Faolin M. Peirce School, Clifford M. Granger School, and Katherine G. Danahy School

Kindergartens - One-half day sessions (2 1/2 hours) - time dependent on individual school schedule.

The Immunizations Of Agawam Students

The School Immunization Law, a section of the General Laws, states that: "No child shall be admitted to school except on presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against Diphtheria, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Tetanus, Measles, Poliomyelitis and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health."

Our School Nurses are actively trying to have the Agawam Schools comply with the mandate by sending reminders to parents and guardians to update their children's immunizations during the summer months. This September it will be necessary to have all children fully immunized or in the process of immunization for attendance in school. The Health Department urges parents to take care of this requirement as soon as possible.

Please refer any questions to your School Nurse, Department of Health Office, or family physician.

Entrance Age

The School Committee, in keeping with State Board regulations on permissible school entrance age, will establish the age at which children will be allowed to enter school. The State Board requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age 5.

In accordance with the above requirements, the School Committee has established the following policy on entrance age.

1) A child will be admitted to kindergarten if he is five years of age prior to January 1 of the school year in which he desires to enroll.

2) A child will be admitted to first grade if he is six years old prior to January 1 of the school year in which he desires to enroll.

School Committee Goals & Objectives 1979-80

The School Committee, Administration and staff have, for the past four years, developed goals and objectives. These established priorities for each school year. They are developed from concerns and interest expressed by parents, members of the community at large, teachers, administrators and students.

Some of the goals that were accomplished this past school year have been: complete updating of curriculum guides, vocational and occupational education, continuation of "Schools Without Failure" philosophy, completion of enrollment facilities study, policy development and cultural education involvement.

For the school year 1979-80 some of the goals to be addressed are: continuation of curriculum update and policy development, involvement of student leadership teams in developing a school-wide approach to discipline, communication, motivation and vandalism, final stage of competency testing, career education and occupational competence, community involvement in discussing concerns on the secondary level and continued cultural education of students and teachers.

High School Renovation And Addition

During the course of the school year, contractors will be working on the addition to and renovation of the senior high school. This is bound to cause some inconvenience. However, the renovations are so extensive that in order to complete all the work in a reasonable period of time, work must be done during the school year.

The changes in our high school will make it a modern school with up-dated facilities. They also will make the building much more energy efficient with substantial savings in heating and lighting costs.

Enrollment Studies

The School Committee will continue its efforts to balance class size in our schools and to plan for declining enrollment. In September when actual enrollment is determined, any adjustments required will be made. Studies will be updated for the coming year as we continue to progress towards elementary class sizes of 25-27 for K-2 and up to 30 for grades 3-5.

Summer Enrichment Programs

Science

During the month of July, for a period of four weeks, students in grades 8-12 completed a course in Science and Psychic Phenomena. The course outline included Extrasensory Perception and stressed the distinction between mysticism, fraud and true science. The television studio at the high school was utilized for experimentation purposes.

Remedial Reading

Over 65 elementary students participated in the summer remedial reading and enrichment program held at the Agawam Junior High School. After pre-testing the children, the reading skills diagnosed as needed were taught through the use of filmstrips, listening centers, learning games and formal lessons. Because of the number of teachers and aides, much individualization was also done. Skills taught were vocabulary development, phonics, word analysis, and the comprehension skills. The program concluded with a field trip to Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Industrial Arts

Approximately 20 students attended the Comprehensive General Shop which included sections on metal, drawing, electricity, woodworking, home repair and the career information center. Each student gained knowledge of basic tools and the safety rules to be observed in the various shops.

Music

The summer instrumental music program involved 100 students (50 in the elementary band and 50 in the advanced band). The program incorporated group rehearsals leading to a concert at the end of six weeks, small sectional rehearsal and individualized teaching by a specialist on the students' instruments. Much growth, both in group performance ability and individual skills, was evidenced by participating students.

Guidance Department

Students enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools, grades 6 through 12, have been assigned a guidance counselor. At the middle school and junior high, students have been assigned according to grade level. At the middle school, Mr. David D'Antonio is the sixth grade counselor and Mrs. Helen Cosgriff is the seventh grade counselor. Mrs. Jane Lucardi is the eighth grade counselor and Mr. Francis Meagher is the ninth grade counselor at the junior high school. Students at the senior high school are assigned to either Mrs. Elaine Bellico, Mr. Paul Cavallo, Mr. John Porter or Mr. Joseph Laino, the vocational counselor. At all schools, any guidance counselor will assist your child if the need arises.

Counseling students occurs on a regular basis and includes such areas as academic progress, individual programming, adjustment problems, career and vocational information, orientation of new students and referrals of students with special needs. The counselors also arrange, administer and interpret standardized tests. This information is available upon request.

Parents may request parent-teacher conferences, homework assignments during a period of absence and progress reports.

In addition to the above, guidance counselors at the senior high school offer information concerning career planning, scholarships, financial aid and college applications.

The guidance counselors sincerely encourage parents to avail themselves of these services and to contact the guidance counselors at any time concerning their children.

Student Insurance

Student insurance is available to all students. The School Committee provides insurance to cover all students taking part in inter-scholastic athletics. It is the

Enrollment as of June 1, 1979

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	DLC	R-I	RR-II	Total
Phelps	52	71	71	81	78	83								7	5	4	452
Danahy		45	48	49	45	45											232
Robinson	115	62	63	66	70	131											507
Peirce		47	47	54	61												209
Granger	77	104	90	101	91	91											554
Clark	41	55	83	72	55	70											376
																	2330
Middle							371	417									788
Jr. High									427	448							875
Sr. High											437	428	382				1247
	285	384	402	423	400	420	371	417	427	448	437	428	382	7	5	4	5240

COMMITTEE REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

V. BRUNO JR.
Superintendent of Schools

MR. WALTER A. BALBONI
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MR. F. JOSEPH NAPOLITAN

family's responsibility to provide whatever other insurance is desired and a plan is being offered to make this possible.

For \$2.25, a student may purchase insurance covering a period of going to school, at school, and going from school each day. Twenty-four hour coverage is also available at a cost of \$20.00 per student.

The reason that this insurance is available at such a low cost is that it is non-duplicating insurance. Non-duplicating means that other insurance owned by the family, for example, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, must be used first. If other insurance does not cover the complete cost or any part of the cost, then the school insurance plan will take over. By filing a claim through the appropriate school, a parent may be reimbursed for any insured loss.

Athletic insurance is also non-duplicating. A parent may not collect from the school's insurance carrier and from another company for the same accident.

A policy description will be sent to each student's home early in the school year. Please read it carefully and if you have any questions, call the Director of Business Services at 789-1400, extension 434.

Use Of School Property

Permission must be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools for use of school grounds. No unauthorized use is permitted. Restrictions are posted and Town Police so notified. School facilities and grounds are for the use of Agawam residents; curfew exists one half hour after sunset and during the hours of darkness on the use of school grounds except where permission has been granted. The use of any motor vehicle including motor bikes, motor cycles, mopeds, automobiles, etc. is prohibited at all times. Riding of horses is also prohibited.

Adult Education Registration

Mr. Richard Barry, Director of the Agawam Adult Education Program, announces registration for all classes in the 1979-1980 school year will be held Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 12 and 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Agawam High School on Cooper Street. Classes will begin September 17. On Wednesday, September 12, we will register Agawam residents only - all others will be registered on Thursday, September 13.

In the practical arts the following courses will be offered: Gourmet Cooking, Oil Painting, Pottery, Furniture Refinishing, Cabinet Making and Woodworking, Sewing, Tailoring, Decorated Ware, Knitting, Metal Working, Vestamoyd Rugmaking, Needlepoint, Woodcarving, Cake Decorating, Creative Crafts, Chair Caning, Quilting and Calligraphy.

Courses offered to complete requirements for a high school diploma include: English I-IV, Algebra I and II, Business Math, U.S. History, Psychology, Problems of Democracy and Comparative Government, Plane Geometry, Environmental Science, Basic Chemistry, Astronomy and Physics. Those who are registering in Agawam for the first time in order to complete requirements for a high school diploma must bring a transcript of previous high school work.

For those interested in the commercial field, courses will be offered in Typing, Shorthand, and Bookkeeping.

A non-returnable registration fee of \$10.00 is required at the time of registration. The evening of the week each course will be offered will be determined at the time of registration in order to accommodate as many people as possible. Additional information may be obtained at the time of registration.

Registration Of New Students

Elementary school principals and the Middle School principal will be in their offices on August 27, 28, 29, and 30 for registration of new students. Guidance personnel at the Middle School will also be available during this period. Time 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Offices at the Agawam Middle School (grades 6 and 7), the Agawam Junior High School (grades 8 and 9), and the Agawam High School (grades 10, 11, and 12) are open during the summer months and new students at this level should register as soon as possible.

Principals in the Agawam Junior High School and Agawam High School will be available August 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31. Guidance personnel in these schools will also be in their offices for registration of new students and conferences during this period.

Westover Occupational Education Collaborative

The Agawam Public School System is actively involved in the Westover Occupational Education Collaborative.

Communities to share the facility, which is due to open in September, 1980, are Granby, South Hadley, Agawam, West Springfield, and Ludlow. These towns are without vocational education for their youth. Years back, they could send a few students to Smith, Putnam, Westfield, Pathfinder, or Holyoke. Now, all but a dozen are turned away each year. Three years ago, the Hampshire Collaborative started looking for a way of providing these youth with some occupational choice. The hospital at Westover Air Force Base became the focus of their attention. Two years ago the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative was actively organized to find ways of serving their youth in occupational education. In the spring of 1976, the two collaboratives began working together to actively acquire the hospital at Westover for the purpose of converting it to a fifteen to twenty station Skills Center for 700 to 1,000 students. The building and fourteen acres of land have been turned over to the Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative Trust.

An executive director, with a vocational administrative background, has been hired to update the needs assessment, prepare to take over the building and grounds, prepare a budget, seek funding, prepare a public relations program, determine programs, prepare curriculum, update and complete architectural and engineering designs, seek surplus equipment and materials, hire staff and prepare to open the Skill Center.

The Center will undergo a \$2 million renovation program. The renovation plans will be drawn by the architectural firm of The Gillen Partnership.

The student-teacher ratio will be 16 to 1 when the school opens its doors. Students will also have access to an occupational counselor who will guide them in employment opportunities. We are optimistic about the facility's success because of community demand. One positive feature of the Center is that students will attend academic classes in their respective community schools and will be able to maintain identities in their own schools while attending Westover. About 650 to 700 students will use the facility during regular school hours, and evening courses will be offered for adults.

Pre-School Survey Agawam Public Schools

To identify special needs (disabilities) for children, ages 3 & 4. Optional - parents may fill out the form below and send it or take it to:
Director of Special Services
Agawam Junior High School
1305 Springfield St.
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Parents' Names:

Last Father Mother

Address

Phone Hours you can be reached

Child's name Age Date of Birth

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you believe that your child has a substantial disability, please place an asterisk (*) next to his or her name.

Special Education Chapter 766

On September 1, 1974 a new law called Chapter 766 went into effect in Massachusetts. This law requires that children with Special Needs be given an education planned to meet his/her particular needs. The law mandates that each school system identify children between the ages of three through twenty-one who have a substantial disability, (emotional, mental, physical, learning) and evaluate those needs on an individual, flexible, non-discriminating basis.

Agawam's program continues to provide services for some 520 special needs children who have been identified. Individualized education plans have been designed to give these students the opportunity to reach their maximum potential and to become successful school and town citizens.

There are eleven program options, stated within the law, which allow for greater flexibility in accomplishing this goal. Services are provided at all levels: Preschool (3-4 yr. old), Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-7), Junior High (8-9), and Senior High (10-12). Additional programs in the following areas are available when specified in the educational plan: motor development, speech, hearing and language, visually handicapped, hospital and home tutoring, pre-vocational and vocational options. The motor development program provides services to 175 additional elementary children who do not come under Chapter 766, but who benefit from a program of systematic exercises, skills and motor activities designed to improve coordination, to further adaptability and self-reliance in the classroom, and to enhance self-image through successful experiences. Thirty-four students are attending day or residential programs outside the Town of Agawam, with thirty-seven additional students placed in Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative Special Education Programs.

The Collaborative will be running thirteen programs this coming school year for the low-incidence population. They are as follows:

Alternative Senior High
Alternative Junior High I and II
Clinical Nursery (ages 3-7) - An early childhood program involved in all levels of pre-readiness skills with a strong home component in the afternoon.
Developmental School Primary Unit (ages 9-12) and Secondary Unit (12-22) for severely multiple handicapped students. Provides a combination of education and clinical skills.

Elementary Readiness (7-10) - Develops readiness skills in all cognitive areas for the lower functioning child.
Pre-vocational Program (13-17) for students developmentally delayed in several areas. Emphasis is on the process of generalizing academic skills into areas of practical usage.

Transitional Nursery (3-4yr.) Children who are developmentally delayed in language and social skills. Prepares them to enter the mainstream of the public school system.

Learning Disability Class (7-10) for severely disabled children. Provides a highly structured, individualized academic program.

Elementary Language Class (7-10) for students with severe language problems. Develops language skills.

Behavior Disability Class (8-10) for children with emotional/social problems that interfere with their ability to learn in a regular school setting.

An Early Childhood Program for 3-4 year old Special Needs children will be held at Robinson Park School this September. This will be funded by a Title VI-B Federal Grant. These children were identified through the 3-4 year old kindergarten yearly screening process.

The Developmental Learning Center, a self-contained class of children with learning problems associated with behavior, has had a second successful year. This program will continue to be funded through a Title VI-B Federal Grant. A brochure describing this program is available upon request.

Two more Title VI-B Federal Grants (services of a school psychologist and an additional aide at the high school) bring a total of \$69,875 of Federal Funds into the educational community.

Chapter 766 provides for maximum involvement of parents. This involvement and cooperation from parents adds another vital component in the child's total educational picture.

Parent education groups will again be offered under a Title VI-B Federal Grant in the fall. This project will focus on communication between adults and children.

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common behavioral concerns and various principles and practices in parenting. The sessions have generally run four to eight consecutive weeks with enrollment limited to twelve to twenty participants. Each group meets at one of the elementary schools for one and a half hours of discussion. The overall goals are to create more positive attitudes toward school and learning to improve parent/child relations. Parents talk about discipline that brings about responsibility; listening and talking that brings about better communication; family organization and relationships, and information about child development.

Administrators and department staff believe that parent discussion groups are a key preventative service as parents are key figures in developing their children's healthy personalities. The literature available today indicates that parent education is a primary prevention in avoiding emotional and social maladjustments. Interested parents may contact the principal of their respective school or the Special Services Department.

Chapter 766 regulates that school age children of ages 18 through 21 who have left school are entitled to all of the rights given to adults by applicable laws. All program options are available to them through Chapter 766 referral process. Interested students may contact the Department of Special Services for further information.

The Special Education Program continues to meet the goals and objectives as set forth in Chapter 766 due to the effects of regular and special education staff with strong administrative support.

Chapter 622

What is Chapter 622?

An important piece of legislation affecting the public schools was passed in August, 1971. This law, Chapter 622 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, is referred to as "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Public Schools." The law reads as follows:

No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and of minority groups. No school may exclude a child from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin of such child.

On June 24, 1975, the State Board of Education approved regulations for Chapter 622. These regulations address five areas of school policy: school admission, admission to courses of study, guidance, content and extra-curricular and athletic activities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chapter 622 and how it affects your children, please do not hesitate to contact your local principal or my office. Copies of the law and the regulations can be obtained from the Bureau of Equal Educational Opportunity, 182 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, (1-617- 727-5880).

Title I - Federal Program

This continuing project began in 1972 providing reading and math instruction in the elementary schools. A home-school counselor was provided to work closely with the parents and the children to increase the positive home-school relationship.

The Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) has worked closely with the school administrators to involve parents and school personnel in a cooperative system of activities to increase the educational opportunities of children, both at home and in school.

The objectives of the P.A.C. are involvement in all stages of planning the program, operation of the program and in the evaluation process. Recommendations concerning needs and reviewing and commenting on goals and priorities are also a vital part of the Parent Advisory Council.

Children are selected for the program based on special educational needs. The program is designed to meet these needs. ESEA Title I is supported fully by Federal funds. In the past seven years over \$500,000 has been made available by the Federal government for this project.

The program activities of Project-Up-grade cover the following areas:

- 1) Reading, grades 1-7;
- 2) Math, grades 1-7;
- 3) Home-school counseling.

Public Announcement Eligibility Criteria For Free And Reduced Price Meals And Free Milk

Agawam Public Schools today announced a free milk and free meal and reduced price meal policy for school children unable to pay the full price of milk and meals

served in schools under the National School Lunch and Special Milk Program. Local school officials have adopted the following family size-income criteria for use in determining eligibility.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FAMILY SIZE AND GROSS INCOME SCALES

Family Size All Members of Household	Maximum Gross Income For Free Milk & Free Meals	Maximum Gross Income For Reduced Price Meals
One	\$0 to 4,590	\$4,591 to 7,160
Two	0 to 6,040	6,041 to 9,420
Three	0 to 7,490	7,491 to 11,680
Four	0 to 8,940	8,941 to 13,940
Five	0 to 10,390	10,391 to 16,200
Six	0 to 11,840	11,841 to 18,470
Seven	0 to 13,290	13,291 to 20,730
Eight	0 to 14,740	14,741 to 22,990
Each additional family member	1,450	2,260

Children from families whose income is at or below those shown are eligible for milk and meals free or at reduced prices. In addition, families not meeting this criteria but with other special hardship conditions due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply. Further, children having parents or guardians who become unemployed are eligible for free or reduced price meals or for free milk during the period of unemployment, provided that the loss of income causes the family income during the period of unemployment to be within the eligibility criteria. Should your income or family size change, contact the approving official.

To discourage the possibility of misrepresentation, the following statement is placed just above the parents' or guardians' signature on the application: "I certify that the above information I have given is true and correct, that the application is being made in connection with the receipt of State and Federal Funds, that school officials may for cause: (1) request an informal conference with the parents to substantiate the information on the application (or if requested by either party the Fair Hearing Procedure may be used); (2) verify the information on the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject the applicant to prosecution under applicable State and Federal criminal statutes."

Parents should clearly understand that every meal served in schools is subsidized to a greater or lesser degree by State-Federal reimbursements. Those lunches served at full price are subsidized as well as those served free or reduced. Therefore, there should be no reluctance to apply for either a free or reduced price meal.

If your family size, and gross income is within the "Income Eligibility Criteria" for free or reduced price meals, we urge you and all eligible parents to fill out the application. The intent of these programs is to improve the nutrition of all children.

They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. In certain cases foster children are eligible for free milk and free meals or reduced price meals regardless of your family income. If you have such children living with you and wish to apply for such milks and meal for them, please file a separate application for each child and indicate amount of State support only as income.

Under the provision of the policy the Director of Business Services will review all applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the approving official on an informal basis or make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision to: James H. Coon Jr., 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 789-1400, ext. 434.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy and a complete copy of the policy is on file in the office of the superintendent of schools where it may be reviewed by any interested party.

The policy also provides that there will be no overt identification and/or discrimination against any child because of his race, sex, color, handicap or national origin, in the operation of the child feeding programs.

Title IX

What is Title IX?

Title IX is the portion of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination in federally-assisted education programs. Specifically, Title IX states:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

The governing regulations - effective July 21, 1975 - cover all aspects of sex discrimination in schools with regard to admissions, treatment of students and employment.

The Agawam School System does not discriminate on the basis of sex. Any inquiries you may have should be brought to the attention of:

Mr. Smith T. Rovelli
Title IX Coordinator
Faolin Peirce School
681 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Telephone - 789-1400
Ext. 405

Mr. John G. Bynoe
Director, Office for Civil
Rights
RKP General Bldg.
Bullfinch Place
Boston, MA 02114
Telephone 1-617-223-6397

HANDICAPPED SECTION 504

Section 504 of U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is referred to as an "Act for Elimination of discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in any School District Program or Activity Receiving Federal Financial Assistance."

Section 504 requires that no otherwise qualified-handicapped individual shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in the Public Schools.

NONDISCRIMINATION Title IX and Handicap (Section 504) Grievance Procedures for Students

Students fourteen years of age or older, who feel their rights have been violated under Title IX or Handicap (Section 504), are to contact:

1. Assistant Superintendent of Schools
2. Advisor for Office of Student Affairs
Agawam High School

If the grievance cannot be resolved by the Advisor for Office of Student Affairs, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. Guidance Counselor (in their building)
2. Assistant Principal (in their building)
3. Principal (in their building)
4. Superintendent of Schools
5. School Committee

Students under fourteen years of age may have their parent(s) grieve on their behalf in writing to their building principal. If the grievance cannot be resolved by the building principal, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

1. Superintendent of Schools
2. School Committee

The Title IX coordinator will be available to assist all grievance committees in arriving at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX. Any grievances charging violation of Handicap (Section 504) will be handled by the coordinator of Handicap (Section 504).

School Bus Schedule

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SOUTH ALHAMBRA CIR. Picks up RIVER RD from Alhambra to School. Picks up along CLEMATIS ST. Picks up cor. of VALENTINE ST & SAMUEL ST. Picks up ANTHONY ST from Samuel to Suffield.

Bus No.25 7:35 a.m.: Picks up MAIN ST from Cooper to Harvey Johnson. Picks up RIVER RD from Meadow to Alhambra. Picks up along CHANNELL DR. Picks up along FLORIDA DR. Picks up RIVER RD from Leonard to Chestnut. Picks up along REDWOOD ST. Picks up along CHESTNUT LANE.

Bus No. 28 7:40 a.m.: Picks up along EDITHA AVE. Picks up along MEADOW ST. Picks up cor. of HARVEY JOHNSON & FEDERAL AVE. Picks up along FEDERAL AVE. Picks up MAIN ST from Cooper to Rte 57.

CLARK SCHOOL

Bus No.5 8:00 a.m.: Picks up RIVER RD from Main to Channell. Picks up along CHANNELL DR. Picks up along FLORIDA DR. Picks up along REDWOOD DR. Picks up along CHESTNUT LANE. Picks up along FOREST RD. Picks up along AUTUMN ST. Picks up along RIVERIA DR.

Bus No.7 8:05 a.m.: Picks up along OLD MILL RD. Picks up along HOLLAND DR. Picks up along MILL ST from Tennis to Suffield. Picks up SUFFIELD ST from Mill to Silver. Picks up along SILVER ST. Picks up along MOUNTAINVIEW ST. Picks up along VADNAIS ST.

Bus No.8 8:07 a.m.: Picks up SUFFIELD ST from No.1047 to Adms. Picks up ADAMS ST from Mallard to Pineview. Picks up along PINEVIEW CIR. Picks up cor. of ADAMS ST & BUTTERNUT LANE.

Bus No.10 8:05 a.m.: Picks up ADAMS ST from Suffield to Faymore. Picks up along MALLARD CIR.

Bus No.22 8:00 a.m.: Picks up along POPLAR ST. Picks up SHOEMAKER LANE from Poplar to Suffield. Picks up along DEPALMA ST. Picks up along PHIL ST. Picks up MEMORIAL DR from Phil to Garden. Picks up along GARDEN ST.

Bus No.26 8:00 a.m.: Picks up MAIN ST from Adams to the state line. Picks up along ALFRED ST. Picks up along CHARLES ST. Picks up along SOUTH ST.

Bus No.51 8:15 a.m.: Picks up SHOEMAKER LANE from South Westfield to Poplar.

ROBINSON, PEIRCE, DANAHY SCHOOLS

Bus No. 2 8:35 a.m.: Picks up NORTH WESTFIELD ST from North West to the town line. Picks up NORTH WESTFIELD ST from Parkedge Dr. to No.723 North Westfield. Picks up along ACORN ST. Picks up NORTH ST from Homer to James. STOPS AT ROBINSON.

Bus No.3 8:30 a.m.: Picks up along NORTH ST EXT. Picks up along NORTH WEST ST. Picks up NORTH WESTFIELD ST from North West St. to No.1037 North Westfield St. STOPS AT ROBINSON AND PEIRCE.

Bus No.5 5:35 a.m.: Picks up along SOUTH WESTFIELD ST. Picks up cor. of POPLAR ST & SPRINGFIELD ST. STOPS AT PEIRCE & DANAHY. 1st, 3rd, 5th grades only.

Bus No.7 8:38 a.m.: Picks up along MILL ST. Picks up along WILLIAM ST. Picks up SPRINGFIELD ST from William to Day. Picks up NORTH ST from Liberty to No.124 North St. STOPS AT ROBINSON.

Bus No.8 8:40 a.m.: Picks up COOPER ST from Greenacre to Mill. STOPS AT ROBINSON.

Bus No.9 8:30 a.m.: Picks up NORTH WESTFIELD ST from North St. to thalia Dr. Picks up cor. of THALIA DR & PARKVIEW DR. Picks up along ROBIN RIDGE RD. Picks up along PLEASANT VALLEY DR. Picks up along SQUIRE LANE. Picks up NORTH WESTFIELD ST from Provin Mountain to Robin Ridge. Picks up cor. of NORTH ST & OAK LANE. Picks up cor. of NORTH ST & WILSON ST. STOPS AT ROBINSON & DANAHY.

Bus No.10 8:37 a.m.: Picks up cor. of FOX FARMS & STRAWBERRY HILL. Picks up CLOVERHILL from Strawberry Hill to North Westfield. Picks up along PLEASANT DR. Picks up NORTH ST from Pleasant Dr. to Colemore. Picks up along COLEMORE ST. STOPS AT ROBINSON & PEIRCE.

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Bus No.27 8:40 a.m.: Picks up along ROWLEY ST. Picks up at COOPER ST. from Suffield to Federal. Picks up along FEDERAL ST. Picks up along REED ST. Picks up along WASHINGTON ST. Picks up DANAHY SCHOOL. Also stops at ROBINSON SCHOOL.

Bus No.51 8:30 a.m.: Picks up PETERSON CIR. Picks up NORTH WESTFIELD ST from Parkedge to the town line. STOPS AT DANAHY SCHOOL. 4th grade only.

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Bus No.1 8:30 a.m.: Picks up SOUTH WEST ST from No.271 to Southwick St. Picks up along NORTH WEST ST.

Bus No.19 8:38 a.m.: Picks up SOUTH WESTFIELD ST from Pine to Barry. Picks up BARRY ST from South Westfield to Barbara Lane. Picks up along BARBARA LANE. Picks up cor. of BARBARA LANE & JOANNE CIR.

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Bus No.28 8:35: Picks up along SOUTHWICK ST from No.115 to the town line.

Summer Reading Program at Agawam Library Successful

Wednesday morning patrons must have noticed crowds at the Agawam Library lately. There was a very good reason for all the commotion. In fact, there were at least three hundred reasons.

More than 300 Agawam children registered for the Summer Reading Club at the Agawam Public Library, and read more than 2,000 books during the six week session!

Because Agawam now has a beautiful new library facility at 750 Cooper Street, there was plenty of space to accommodate the two large groups of children that met here each Wednesday morning.

The library's community room has made it possible to conduct not only Summer Reading Club programs but also a weekly Wednesday night film program, still being held, after school story hours, and much more. Luckily, the library staff did not have to worry that the hundreds of children and adults attending these programs would disturb or interfere with regular quieter library services, since the community room is separate from the rest of the library.

Combined with the reading incentive program were performances by members of the Pioneer Valley Folklore Society, who presented folk tales in a musical setting and introduced the children to the fun of hand made instruments. These performances were made possible by the generous funding of the Agawam Center Library Association.

The Agawam Public Library is proud to announce that due to Summer Reading Club and increased patronage, record circulations have been reached of well over 1,000 in one day!

In addition to deepest gratitude to the Agawam Center Library Association, the library staff extends sincere thanks to the Agawam Junior Women's Club for their most welcome assistance throughout the six weeks; and to the Mailio family of the Agawam Roll-A-Way for their donations of passes and key chains, which were raffled off among the readers; and to the management of the Agawam McDonald's for donating treats for everyone who read 12 books or more. Special thanks too, to photographer Jack Devine and the staff of the Agawam Advertiser/News for their continuing excellent coverage and interest in all of our programming.

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Editorials



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We got that "old-timey" feeling in your last issue with Ric Sardella's "Pro-Manager, Pro-Mayor" column.

When all else fails, character assassination and name-calling come to the fore, and the pro-manager clique roars from the starting gate to defend its system.

Words like "conspiracy" serve only to evoke the most visceral reaction amongst people. Supporting a voice in the choosing of our town's chief executive now is the equal of a communist cell meeting, replete with cheap red wine and seedy characters puffing away on Gaulois cigarettes!

Supporters of the manager system of government had best look at the dismal six years of rule by fiat rather than discredit those who support a mayoral form of government.

The Town Council alone is a model of democracy gone awry. When its first president, a minister by profession, supported the Machiavellian manager, all was well. But when he questioned the practice of Westman's hired hands, the man was subjected to the whisperings of "keeping church and state separate," as well as the cruellest back stabbing since the Saturday Night Massacre.

His replacement---well, what else can be said? Gag rule has been his tool for those who don't believe the world revolves around the manager. First amendment, what first amendment? With free speech curtailed, censorship ensued with gay abandon. Remember the letters in Mr. Theroux's possession from those who didn't want a racetrack in Agawam? What possible defense can be made of keeping fellow councilors in the dark, not to mention stifling the people's access to the Council.

No, I'm afraid the manager form of government has made a poor showing of itself. True, we probably will get many of the same councilors we've been "blessed" with for six years. And we'll have them holding sway with the press across the river which has its *big* advertisers interests governing its copy, ensuring a sweet life for all who play the game.

But at least with a mayor, we the people will have a say in our chief executive, in our interests. He will no longer be held in office by eight to seven votes, meetings of "like minded people" at local pizzerias, or the chicanery and deceit which has marked two administrations of the "new" government.

You can bet the mayor system will be pushed hard. It will be pushed hard by those whose interests and concerns have gone unheeded for six, long years. Also, it'll be pushed hard by those who from the outside who have seen the people's will ignored.

The people will have a say in a mayoral form of government. Which probably is what frightens the most out of those who wish to cling to the present.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Cascella
Agawam

To The Editor:

Within the past year, the residents of Agawam have voiced their strong opposition against large scale developments coming into our town. These projects, a condominium proposal by Mr. Solitario, a race track bid by the Pioneer Valley Raceway, and a business mall suggested by Mr. Beltrandi, were all defeated. Nevertheless, we are faced with yet another proposal of housing a race track here in Agawam, with the state, not the town, making the final decision.

If this proposal is passed, it will not affect the communities in which the State Racing Commissioners reside in, but would place an unbearable burden on the town of Agawam. Tell me, are the Commissioners considering the voices of the townspeople, or is it money that talks! If we wanted a race track near home, we would have moved to Hinsdale or Green Mountain.

I firmly believe that the townspeople have begun to unite in the wants and needs for the community and have stated these feelings time and time again. If this proposal is passed, the town of Agawam will be crushed, for it will completely destroy our beautiful community.

But the main issue here is not the race track proposal, but that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, regardless of the consequences the town of Agawam will suffer, can over-rule and force this race track on us. I feel that if the Commonwealth takes this form of dictatorship, our right of freedom of choice will be violated, and as a citizen of the United States, there is no greater price to pay!

Doc Rose

VIEWPOINT

Town Council: Ball in their court on Caputo resume

by Ric Sardella

Resume tampering is a very serious matter, especially when a public official is involved. Some of Governor Edward King's appointees found that reality staring them in the face not long after King took office.

Accused of Performing Surgery

In our own backyard, Town Manager Peter Caputo has been accused of falsifying his resume. Specifically, Caputo is charged with performing surgery on the academic portion of his resume...the same resume that was accepted as being valid when the town council hired him as chief administrator for Agawam's municipal affairs some 20 months ago.

In cases such as this, it makes little difference who, or what group points the accusing finger. Their motives become unimportant. A public official must prove that the charges are false -- its that simple. Call it a hazard of taking public office--especially in this community.

At press time, Caputo was scheduled to face the town council to clear the dark and ominous skies that currently hover above his office after some 4 weeks of charges against he and his resume.

Requested Meeting

Caputo, and rightfully so, requested the meeting before his 15 employers. The matter before the council is simple, yet it is twisted and entangled in the web of local politics. Yet the council must forget entanglements and stick with this one issue.

The matter is this: on his resume, Caputo said he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rochdale College. He said he obtained undergraduate credits from Oklahoma A&M and Michigan State University.

Caputo further said he obtained "necessary credits for a masters degree, but was unable to complete his studies because of a promotion of police chief at age 25."

Those are the credentials the Council accepted. Recent events have proven that Rochdale College is unaccredited, defunct, and was selling degrees for profit. Confusion reigns over what courses Caputo took while at Michigan State and Oklahoma A&M. His resume has been challenged to the point that he must finally face his 15 employers.

It's An Ethical Matter

The questions that Caputo must answer, the explanations he must forward to the council must support his resume's validity. The issue is not Caputo's administrative ability, which I have supported, and continue to support: the issue is an ethical matter...testing the credibility empowered to guide the town's ship of state.

I have, in this column, advocated the manager form of government and have issued warnings against townsfolk balloting for a mayoral home rule charter in

the November elections. Those are my personal opinions, and it's certainly not to insinuate that those who support a charter change are neo-facists or belong to the PLO.

Also in this space, I have supported Caputo when he came under attack for alleged patronage and other municipal faux pas. I have stated that if Caputo goes in James Westman-like fashion prior to the November elections, local voters will not give this experiment in the manager form of government a third chance...If that is the case, then I might agree that, yes, a mayor may be needed to lead this community...but it will take some kind of leader.

I did protest against attacks aimed at the manager to proliferate a cause for self-styled vendettas. And if there does not exist a pro-mayor faction in this community, then perhaps my imagination runneth wild.

Satisfaction of Council

If Caputo can exonerate himself to the full satisfaction of the council, the same council that cannot play possum on this matter, then yes, we will have the town manager form of government, and we all can get on with municipal affairs.

But, if Caputo cannot convince the council of the validity of his academic credentials, then the council must act decisively...without pre-election grandstanding.

Peter Caputo is a good man, the same man that was instrumental in putting this government back to work after the chaos of the first managerial administration. He has proven that a town manager can function, if given the opportunity. But this latest, and most serious of attacks, merits hard core responses from Caputo. He stands with his resume. Therefore, he must prove to the council that his appointment as town manager was not under false pretenses. And, regardless of the short or long term ramifications for the community, Caputo's credibility to govern is the only consideration before the council.

Voters Know the Score

Voters in this community are a wise and well versed lot...they are well aware of the many factors and personalities involved in this affair. When they h* the polls next November to determine how this town will operate in the future, they will carefully weigh the manager vs the mayor, and make a decision accordingly. At this point, these same voters deserve honesty and fair play from Caputo and the council.

For himself, Caputo requested fair play from the council and a decision based on fact, not a decision based on rumors, personal emotions or outside pressure. Fair enough.

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An ordinance to amend Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11 of the Code of the Town of Agawam.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Agawam as follows:

Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-11, Sub-Section XI entitled "Unclassified Positions" is hereby amended as follows:

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Edward A. Caba
Town & Council Clerk
APPROVED August 6, 1979

Connelly Signs TAX AX Petition



Rep. Edward W. Connelly, recently signed the TAX AX petition which would cut the state income tax by \$318 million. It would also repeal the 7½ percent surtax on income. Connelly was one of the ten top signers of the TAX AX petition. The petition will be placed on the calendar of the 1980 legislative session after 62,000 signatures have been gathered by this December. If the legislature fails to pass the petition, an additional 11,000 signatures will be gathered next summer for the petition question to be placed on the 1980 ballot as a binding question.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



Ducks Unlimited, North America's largest waterfowl conservation organization, announced today that recent reports from its DU (Canada) field staff indicate waterfowl production this year through Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes looks to be generally encouraging thanks to the existence of plenty of water at most principal nesting sites.

Ducks Unlimited now has over 300,000 members who care enough about the future of North American waterfowl to spend the kind of time and money needed to meet a critical habitat preservation and restoration challenge head on. DU's construction program in eastern Canada involves work on 69 waterfowl-habitat-creating projects totalling some 13,375 nesting shoreline miles.

Bear Hunters

Hunters have played a significant role in wildlife conservation over the years and now some Vermont bear hunters are adding a new chapter to that story. Several bear dog owners are helping wildlife biologist Charles Willey on a project designed to help insure that Vermont's black bear population prospers in the years ahead.

Willey is striving to collect new information on bear. His ultimate goal is to analyze the interrelationships of bear population dynamics and the bear harvest. Sex and age ratios, productivity and vulnerability to hunting will all be evaluated, and recommendation for future management will be made.

The information is being gathered in what can be a hair-raising manner. Hunter and scientist are following three to five bear hounds until the hounds are put up a tree. Then the hounds are leashed and the bear is drugged with a hypodermic dart. The men catch the bear unharmed in a large net as it drops, and a series of tests follow. The bear is weighed, sex is determined, a tiny premolar tooth is removed for aging, and the bear is tagged and tattooed for future identification. Finally, the drug wears off and the bear is released to go about its business.

Vermont's bear population is currently very healthy and there are no reasons to suspect it will change in the near future. But, the black bear does not have the reproductive capabilities of other Vermont Wildlife, and it is more susceptible than most to the effects of habitat encroachment from people. Highways and houses are likely to be the bear's biggest future threat. But if biologist Willey and the bear hunters who are helping him have their way, enough will be learned so the black bear probably always will be able to roam Vermont's woodlands.

Yankee Sports Car Club To Sponsor Autocross

Yankee Sports Car Club will sponsor a high speed autocross at Orange Airport, Orange, Mass., on Saturday and Sunday, August, 25 and 26. Roll bars are required for open cars.

There will be free camping for competitors and reduced entry fees for Council members.

For further information, call: 1(413)786-8228 or 1(413)543-3720

Volunteer Month at Laughing Brook

Officials at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center have designated September as VOLUNTEER MONTH at the 260 acre wildlife sanctuary.

Since opening in 1968 Laughing Brook has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors interested in learning about plants, animals and the environment. People visit Laughing Brook for many reasons; to see the site where famed children's author Thornton W. Burgess, wrote many of his books, to participate in an educational program, or simply to enjoy the beauty of an unspoiled woodland.

Current program offerings, events and off-sanctuary programs enable Laughing Brook to reach over 40,000 people in a year. Many others throughout New England learn about Laughing Brook through store-front exhibits, newsletters, appearances at service club meetings and educational programs brought directly into schools.

All of this is accomplished with a regular staff of only seven. "Obviously," says Crystal Kofke, director of the Center "a majority of our effectiveness is due to the large volunteer force that we are fortunate to have. There are many skilled and dedicated people who give of their time and of themselves to help us teach people about their world".

Over 150 people contribute varying amounts of time and talents to support the center. People are needed for a variety of jobs including office work, feeding and caring for wildlife, library work, answering telephones, property maintenance and teaching. The minimum age for volunteers is 14.

Volunteering benefits include the opportunity to make lasting friendships, learn new skills, and enjoy being involved behind the scenes at Laughing Brook.

To introduce new people to the full program at Laughing Brook open houses are scheduled during the first week of September. Interested people can choose the day and time that is most convenient for them. The schedule is: Wednesday, September 5, at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m., Thursday, September 6, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 8 at 1 p.m.

Agawam Hockey Sign-Ups

Anyone interested in playing hockey for the Agawam Hockey Association should call 786-7747 (between 9-5 daily).

The Association will accept registrations for anyone between the ages of 6-16.

The 1978-1979 board members are as follows: Lou Guevin, president, Dick Mercure, vice president, Phil Shuman, treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, secretary, Nancy Farrell, fin. secretary, Larry Bouchard, player-coach co-ordinator, Rich Hill, ice co-ordinator, Steve Silvia, ways and means, Judy Buearegard, equipment manager, and Pat Guevin, publicity director.



LEGAL LINES

by Atty. Rene Thomas

Buying a home is probably the most important and expensive purchase in the lifetime of the average family. Since most individuals have limited experience in buying real estate, this column and subsequent columns will attempt to point out the possible problems one may encounter in a real estate transaction and how to avoid them.

An oral agreement (contract) to purchase real estate is not valid. Therefore, written instruments are important in a real estate transaction. Before you sign any instrument, make certain you understand what you are signing. If you have any questions, consult a lawyer. This will usually not cost anything extra, because you will need a lawyer anyway to represent you in the transaction.

I would suggest you avoid signing a "Binder" as some real estate brokers would like you to do. Instead, have the broker prepare a "Purchase And Sales Agreement" and then review this instrument with your lawyer prior to signing. This is as important document because it is the formal written contract for the property and no buyer should ever sign one of these under any circumstances without first reviewing it with a lawyer. Too frequently buyers sign the agreement and then consult a lawyer. It's too late. The contract has been signed and you may have agreed to something you might later regret.

In summary, oral agreements to buy or sell real estate are not enforceable, and do not sign a "Purchase And Sales Agreement" until you have reviewed it in detail with your attorney. It won't cost anything extra and it may avoid a lot of grief.

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Sports

Tri-County Baseball

First Year Cardinals In Tri-County Playoffs

by Rich Willis

The Westfield-Agawam Cardinals suffered a series of one-run defeats which left playoff hopes hanging in the balance prior to last week. The Cardinal record had slipped a 17-15 with East Longmeadow Leasing and the Trico Venders lurking just one and two games behind. Relying on the strength of their pitching staff, the Cardinals rode a 1-0 Don Irzyk shutout and a 3-0 Paul "Wizard" Gramarossa shutout into a playoff position.

After securing a post-season berth, the Cardinals got down to some serious playoff preparation with a 7-0 blasting of the first place Chicopee Falls. A four run second inning on RBI singles by Craig Plante, Lou Conte and Alex Massel added to single runs in the first, fifth and sixth innings gave the Cardinals their 20th win of the year against 16 losses. Butch Lemagdelane and Jim Irzyk combined for a shutout.

The Cardinal's 20-16 final record placed them third in the Tri-County League. They will open their playoff schedule against Central Chevrolet; Central holding the home field advantage. Butch Lemagdelane is expected to start the first game in the best-of-three series. Don Irzyk will go in game two. Irzyk commented after the Cardinal's last game 7-0 victory, "We're loose now."

Looking ahead to playing Central Chevy in the playoffs Irzyk added, "there's no love loss between these two teams. Every game against them has been close. Every run counts against Central." Consult local papers for playoff scheduling.

Women's Soccer League Forming

There has recently been an interest in starting a woman's soccer league. Any woman 18 years or older interested in signing up should contact the Parks and Recreation office not later than September 10, 1979. The games will be played on Sunday mornings. Individuals and teams may sign up.

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Southwick Team Wins Jaycee Tournament

Rain threatened to spoil the Agawam Jaycees Annual Softball Tournament, held over the week-end. The ASA sanctioned event saw 17 area teams competing in a double elimination event, with Walt's Texaco of Southwick the eventual winners. Agawam entries included the Dante Club, Buccaneer Lounge, Marchegian Club, Italian Sporting Club, Village Lounge, Moose Club, Victor Emmanuel III, Garry's Auto Sales, Spartan Saw, and Showcase.

Third place was won by Village Lounge. The Lounge team won four in a row, defeating the Moose Club, Union Cafe, Galileo Electro Optics, and Walt's Texaco, before losing to the Dante Club. The loss brought a rematch with Walt's Texaco, who finally eliminated the Village Lounge club.

Dante Club won second place, with a first round forfeit by Glenwood Cafe, and consecutive victories over Blue Magic, Spartan Saw, and Village Lounge. They then met losers bracket survivors, Walt's Texaco in the finals. The Southwick team proved too much for Dante Club, who dropped two straight games.

Walt's Texaco suffered only a one run loss to Village Lounge, on their way to the title. They were impressive in wins over Gaslight Lounge, Showcase, Village Lounge, Marchegian Club, City Line Package, and the Dante Club. Throughout the tournament it was the hitting of the Southwick entry that made the difference.

Pete Chechile and Chris Manolakis were co-chairmen of the Jaycee event. Proceeds from the tournament are used to fund community service projects run by the Jaycees, including their scholarship award, throughout the year.

Softball Game Scheduled To Benefit M.D.A.

The Agawam Food Mart will play the WHYN softball team on Sunday, August 26th, at 10 a.m. at Borgatti Field on River Road in Agawam.

The event is being organized by Hank Caron and Don Romano with proceeds to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. These funds are used for ongoing patient services and research in the Western Massachusetts area.

For more information, please contact the Agawam Food Mart.



Women's Softball League 'B' Division Champs are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Ruth Perry, Connie Obether, Chris Bodendorf, and Gale Sullivan-Brown. Second row, same order: Deb Markham, Judy Mazzaferro, Jennifer Strong and Jan Donaghue. Third row: Gay Freniere, Lisa Annino, Holly Pohner, Sue Manning, Diane Jeserski, and coach Tony Chiba. photo by Bill Chiba

From the Impossible To the Sublime

by Bill Chiba

Four years ago my son Tony announced at supper time that he was going to coach a women's softball team, and invited his mother and me to attend their first game. Not having anything on the agenda that evening we went. It was a circus. Balls hit to the outfield were hilarious. The young ladies would put their gloves over their heads and wait for the ball to fall...sometimes in front of the expectant outfielder...along side the extended glove...in back of the scared but "do it or die" tyro and at one time it hit a center fielder on top of the head.

The infielding was chaos! A ball hit on the ground was a monster. The ball would hit the trying shortstop in the belly, on the chin, run up an arm, go through the legs and sometimes get tangled in the glove. Then the throw to first base either was four feet in the dirt before the first baseman or ten feet over her head. The pitching saw more walks given than hits. I could go on and on, the scene was the "Bad News Bears" adult size. However, the girls were determined and had a good time.

Four years elapsed and one night at supper time my son proudly announced that his girls team was playing for the Division "B" title at St. John's field and asked us to attend.

What a surprise! The pitching was superb; the infielders sucked up the ground ball like a vacuum cleaner and pegged the ball over to first base. Not one fly ball was dropped (well maybe one or two) by the outfielders. The hitting was amazing and the speed at which they ran to first base was unbelievable.

I started asking questions and came up with some startling answers. Eleven of the girls are married and three are single. The majority of them work at various jobs and a few have children. The average age of the team is 26. How about that!!

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



When we think of putting food on our table, we think of it coming from our vegetable garden or the grocery store. There is another source, very easy and fast. Sprouting seeds for food. The Chinese have been sprouting seeds for food for at least 5000 years. When a seed first sprouts, its food value increases amazingly. Sprouting oats, for example, increases their vitamin C content four times, vitamin B2, thirteen times. Almost any seed can be sprouted - corn, barley, alfalfa, lentils, soybeans, rye, peas, millet, limas, and sunflowers are just a few. Use any wide-mouthed container such as a canning jar or clay saucer. Soak the seeds overnight, then drain and return them to the container. Cover them with a double cheesecloth layer held with rubber bands. Set the container in a warm spot and rinse and drain the seeds three times daily. In three to five days, sprouts will be one to three inches long and ready to eat. Sprouts can be used in salads, sandwich fillings, soups, stews, casseroles and with eggs, rice and even in baking bread. Seed treated with chemicals should never be used for sprouting. Many health food stores have seed suitable for sprouting.

Frost damage in the fall can be minimized by sprinkling. Spray frost sensitive tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants with a hose on the eve of a frost. The mist crystallizes on the foliage and keeps the fluids inside from freezing. If you miss the 'night before' treatment, spray the next morning before the sun strikes the foliage.

The top ten vegetables grown by home gardeners are (in order of preference): tomatoes, beans, sweet corn, cukes, peas, lettuce, radishes, summer squash, melons and beets. What happened to onions, carrots and peppers....?

KEEP SMILING! JMC



Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Not all birds fly. A common illustration of this fact is flightless Ostrich a bird with which most of us are at least somewhat familiar. Yet these non flying birds have wings or rudiments of wings that indicate almost conclusively that their ancestors did fly.

Why would some birds evolve into flightless creatures? There are probably several reasons not the least of which is the enormous amount of energy it takes to fly. The flight muscles are massive and require a large amount of food and oxygen to remain in functioning condition. The larger a bird is the more it must eat to maintain its flight readiness. Under conditions where flight is not particularly essential to maintain a good diet, the larger bird, who would also be a less likely target for predators, would have a greater chance for survival. Flight would be less common and evolution would favor the reduction of muscle and wing size. The food consumed could be used to build other muscles, often the leg muscles. The birds become faster runners with understated wing development.

The bird might take to the water as did the penguin and the wings become useful in swimming. It is interesting that many of the flightless birds are also island dwellers. Their environment is relatively stable unless affected by an outside influence. If a new predator is introduced, the flightless birds are usually unable to defend themselves and fall victim. Man has been the greatest offender in the situations either through his own actions or by introducing a new animal to prey on the birds. Some victims of man's intrusion are Moas, Elephant-birds, the Great Auk, the Dodo, the Solitaire, and the Stephen Island wren.

Almost as a compromise, there are birds that have retained their ability to fly while also becoming runners. The one most familiar to us would be the Greater roadrunner. The roadrunner is a member of the cuckoo family and is called the Chaparral Cock by the cowboys of the West who are most likely to see the little creature twisting and darting through the cactus. The roadrunner would rather run than fly and can easily outdistance a man.



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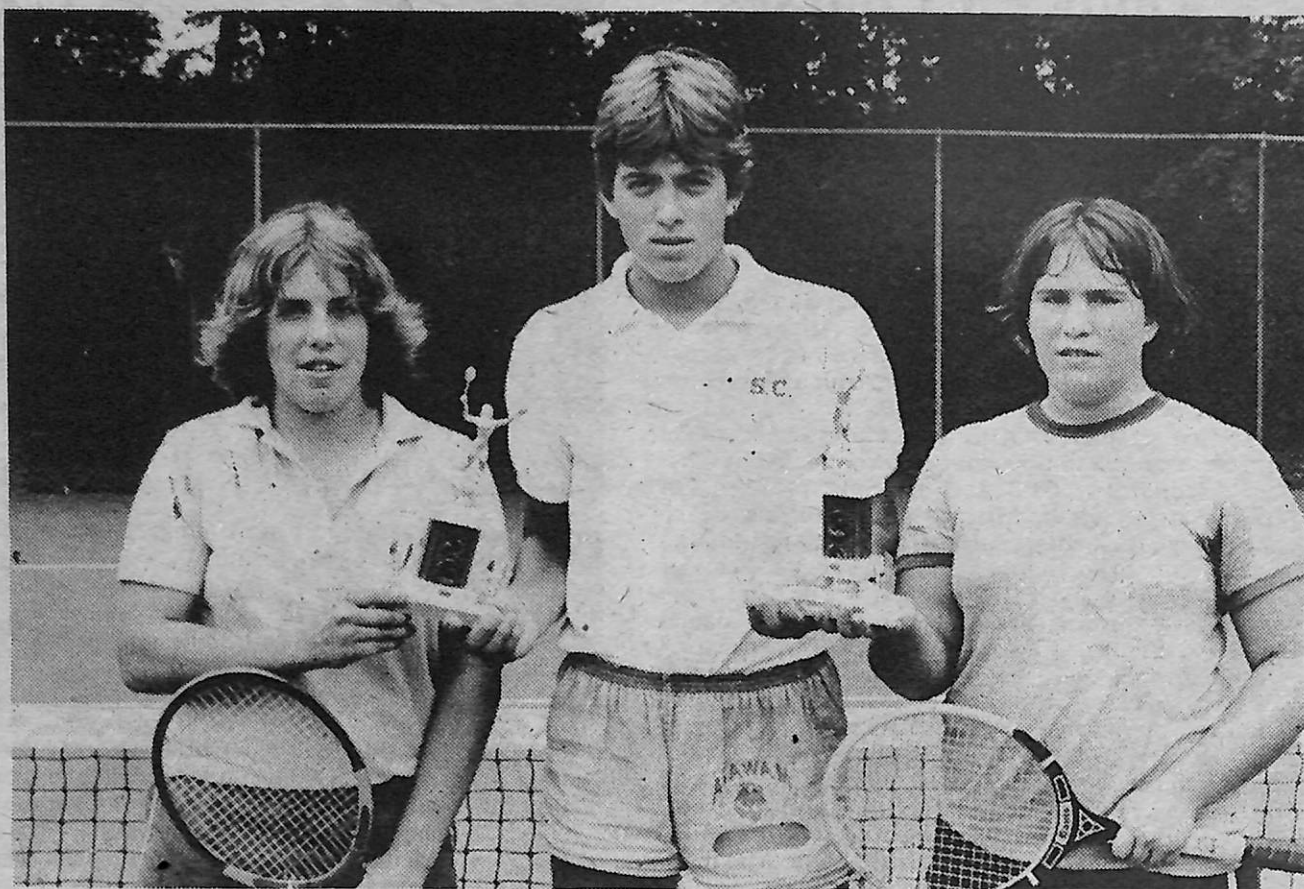
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Tennis Tourney Winners



The Park and Rec Tennis Tournament was held recently. Winners were Christine Altobelli, left and Jennifer Ayer, right. Presenting trophies is Tim Scanlon.

Tsongas to Provide Mobile Van

Senator Paul Tsongas will begin offering Western Massachusetts constituents the services of his mobile office van beginning next week, Wednesday, August 22nd. The decision to use a mobile office van comes as a result of a survey in which several thousand Western Massachusetts residents were asked what type of services they wanted the Senator's office to provide.

Bill Bradley, Tsongas' Western Massachusetts Field Representative, will operate the van. He has scheduled stops in Amherst, Easthampton, South Hadley, Hadley, West Springfield, Northampton, Chicopee, Holyoke, Westfield and Springfield during the first two weeks of mobile office service. Additional scheduled stops will be announced soon.

Tsongas stressed that he "wanted to ask people their opinion about what services would be most useful because I was concerned about the energy efficiency of a mobile office." He said that the survey found, "most people felt that more energy would be saved by using a single vehicle to bring a staff member to their community rather than having thousands of cars use up gasoline to drive to a centrally located office in Western Massachusetts." Tsongas said many people indicated they would not necessarily think about dropping by a city or town hall to talk to a Senate staff member about a problem, but upon seeing the mobile van, for example, at a shopping area or community center, might stop by to talk about a problem or concern.

"If after operating the mobile office for a few months we find that it is not as energy efficient as we expected, we will reconsider alternative means of providing Senate staff services to residents of Western Massachusetts," said Tsongas. He stressed that he would stand by his pledge to provide accessible services to constituents throughout the five Western Massachusetts counties.

Tsongas urges residents to use the mobile office as a place where they can take their problems, discuss federal legislation and obtain information and government publications. In addition to assisting residents with problems concerning government matters, beginning in late fall, Bradley will offer free blood pressure tests to anyone.

Western Massachusetts residents are also encouraged to take advantage of the services offered by Senate staffer Doug McGarrah who is a member of the Tsongas Economic Development Division in the Boston office. McGarrah meets with various members of Western Massachusetts communities to facilitate economic development.

The mobile van will be at West Springfield Century Shopping Center on August 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in Westfield on August 31 at the Westfield Shops from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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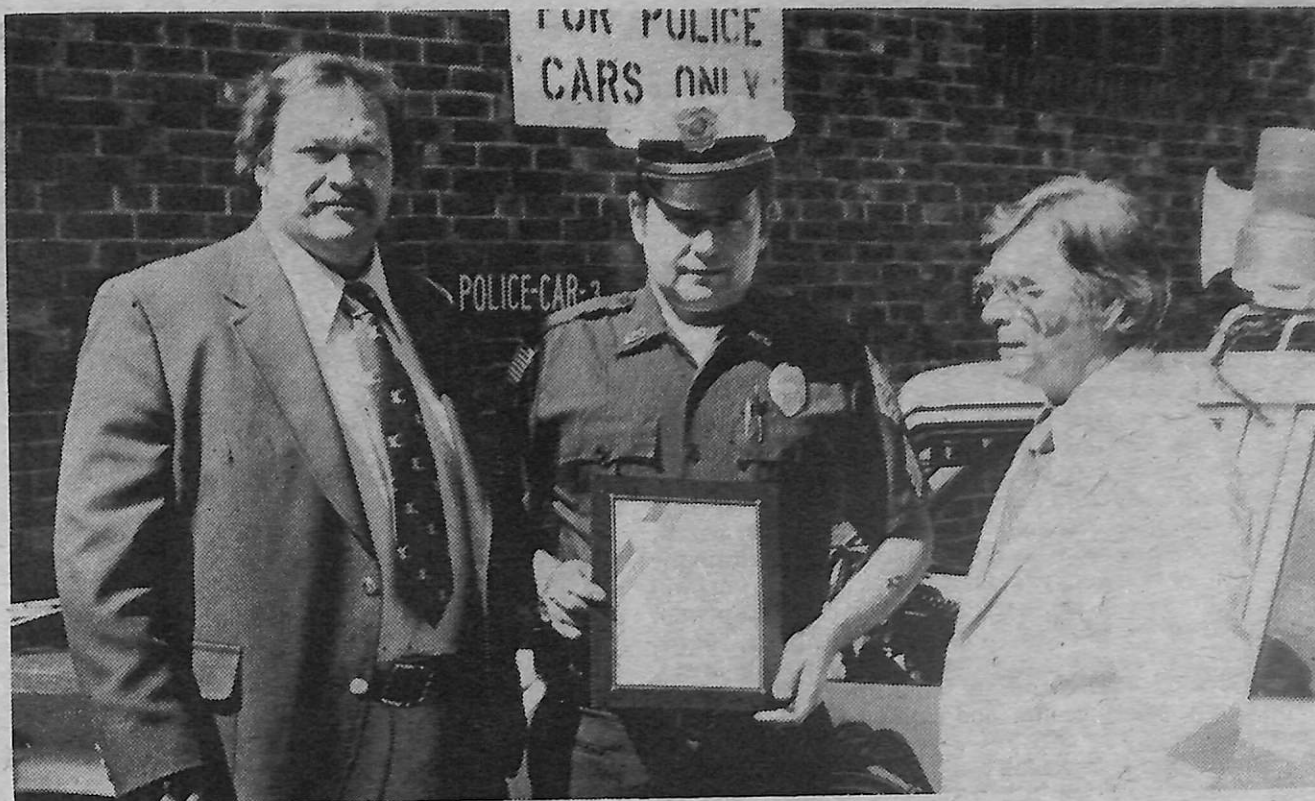
Bay Path Announces Adult Ed Courses

Bay Path Junior College will offer the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) Review Course again this year as part of its Adult Education Program. Presented in cooperation with the Springfield Chapter of The National Secretaries Association (International), the course includes six seminars designed to prepare participants for the CPS examination given in May 1980. Persons successfully completing the examination and fulfilling certain other educational and secretarial experience requirements receive the CPS rating, which is recognized as the measurement standard of proficiency for the secretarial profession. All seminars meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 P.M.

The first seminar, "Office Procedures," will meet from September 6 to September 27, conducted by Mrs. Joan Lacombe, CPS and associate professor of Business at Bay Path. Mrs. Lacombe will also teach seminar two, "Financial Analysis and the Mathematics of Business," from October 4 to November 1. Seminar three, "Business and Public Policy," will meet from November 8 through December 13 with Atty. James Barden, assistant professor of Business, as instructor.

The fourth seminar, "Economics and Management," will meet from January 17 to February 14 and will be conducted by Wilfred Wright, associate professor of Social Sciences. Seminar five, "Environmental Relationships in Business," is scheduled for February 21 to March 28 and will be taught by Dr. Salah A. Batrawi, professor of Behavioral Sciences. The sixth and final seminar, "Communications and Decision Making," will be conducted by Mrs. Lacombe from April 4 through April 25.

Persons may register for as many seminars as they wish. The deadline for applying for the first three seminars is Tuesday, September 4. A detailed brochure with registration form is available at the College, and inquiries may be made to Bay Path's academic dean, Ms. Mary Louise Van Winkle.



A Pedestrian Safety Citation was issued to the Agawam Police Department by the American Automobile Association. Agawam was cited "For its record of no pedestrian fatalities as reported in the AAA pedestrian safety inventory while meeting AAA standards of program performance." The award was issued for a four year achievement. Pictured above are, from left: Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Safety Office Al Longhi, and Lawson Allan of the AAA.

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end result was in the best interest of the community. He said the town's apparent interest in racing 50 years ago should hold no validity in current decisions on the track.

Caputo told Walsh and colleagues Michael McCusker and Robert Furlong that the town engineer's reports show that the project cannot be adequately handled by the community. Caputo also strongly objected to the "usurping of home rule." Later, Councilors Paul Fieldstad, John McNamara, Robert Deforge, Dennis Roberts and Paul Paleologopoulos related the council's strong sentiments against the track, and backed up previous statements that a law suit would be filed if the commission overruled local sentiment.

O'Neill Assured Residents

O'Neill said the land surrounding the Bowles site "is blighted and would be put into superior condition by his firm." O'Neill also assured residents that because the Route 57 extension would be located near the track, traffic problems would not exist. Connelly later said that Route 57 would not be ready from some three years.

Many other speakers against the proposal, that would allow racing here from October 23 - December 31, (approximately 70 dates), stressed that the negative impacts the track holds for the community far exceeds the benefits. Representatives from Shoemaker Lane, Doane Avenue, and Silver Street said their neighborhoods could not handle the burden of thousands of people and some 1,200 cars pouring into the area.

Two residents of the community, Raymond Petty and Claude Talbot supported the track, sparking one commentator to admit, "Well, you have to admire their guts." Nine other individuals voiced support for the track. All nine were out-of-towners, and some represented various racing interests.

Help Fight It

According to Daniel Lacinski, chairman of the Agawam Citizens Together organization, his group will cooperate in any "way, shape or form with the council and Connelly to fight this thing."

ACT, a group of citizens known for their anti-development sentiments, organized and encouraged local opposition to the track when it appeared before the community earlier in the year. At that time, Pioneer

Mass. Audubon Offers Workshops

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a morning workshop for adults interested in making their own wild grape jelly. The session begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15.

Fran Dutille, a Laughing Brook volunteer from East Longmeadow, is the instructor. She will be assisted by sanctuary staff members.

An initial orientation dealing with natural history of native grapes will give participants information on the different kinds of grapes found in the valley. Cultivating and caring for grape vines will be discussed as well.

Course participants will use the kitchen facilities at Laughing Brook to conduct the necessary steps for making jelly from the wild grapes. The only equipment needed is two small jars with lids. The sanctuary provides the rest.

The Grape Jelly Workshop is open to the public and a fee is charged. Reservations are necessary. For more information call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

Valley Raceway withdrew their proposal one week before a scheduled Town Council public hearing. Lacinski said ACT was "even more determined to fight this time around."

Many speakers opposing O'Neill's project supported small industrial growth on the acreage and issued support for the Bowles Airport.

Work Towards Industrial Park

Remarked precinct six Councilor Dennis Roberts, "We are just beginning to work towards an industrial park for that area. It would have happened a long time ago except that the owners of the land would only sell it as an entire package, and not by parcels."

According to Roberts, the council is planning to sponsor a resolution that would again express the town's opposition to the track. Caputo said that the town lost back taxes from the original race track in the 30's and it was to his understanding that the town recinded legal racing following the track's closing. According to reports, this came in 1938.

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"COBOL Programming" is a 3-credit course which explains the use of the COBOL language for computer programming, flow charting, coding instruction, error detection and applying fundamentals to business procedures. Classes will meet of Tuesday evenings for four hours beginning September 11.

"Engineering Drawing" is a review of orthographic projection and other elementary topics in mechanical drawing, and a study of descriptive geometry. Classes meet two nights a week beginning September 6.

Registration information and a bulletin listing other information on Continuing Education courses may be obtained by calling 538-7000, Ext. 243 at the college.

Courses in Labor

Two courses in labor will be offered at Holyoke Community College through the Division of Continuing Education. Both are 3-credit courses beginning the week of September 10.

"Collective Bargaining I: Negotiations" will begin on September 12 from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. Students will become familiar with the conduct of labor management negotiations at the bargaining table, the problems encountered and the tactics and strategies employed as the parties endeavor to reach an agreement. The entire process from the formulation of demands to the signing of an agreement will be examined.

"Introduction to Labor Relations" is a 3-credit course beginning on September 10 from 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. This comprehensive course will survey the major areas in labor relations. Some topics to be discussed and analyzed are: historical foundations of labor relations; structure, function and administration, and current trends in labor relations.

A bulletin of all courses to be offered in the fall semester can be obtained by calling the Continuing Education Office at 538-7000, Ext. 243.



Frank A. Amatruda CPA (center seated) of Coopers and Lybrand, 1979 United Way of Pioneer Valley Professional Division chairman maps final strategy with the accountants as they kickoff their United Way campaign. From left to right are: Thomas H. Themistos CPA, 1979 chairman, Amatruda; Donald E. Houghton CPA and William A. Roan CPA, both division vice chairman.

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